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Goodbye, summer vacation - hello, school!!!

Louis Conte Becomes New Assistant Principal At Agawam Middle School

by Kathy Cassanelli
News Editor



LOUIS CONTE, the Agawam Middle School's new assistant principal. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

Veteran Agawam educator Louis Conte has been named as the new assistant principal at the Agawam Middle School.

The position has been vacant since former assistant principal Robert Farrell was promoted to the principalship of Phelps School last April.

Announced by Superintendent of Schools Bernard F. Ryder at the teachers' back-to-school meeting on Thursday, September 1st, Conte's appointment met with a thunderous ovation of support from his colleagues.

Calling himself a "simple man who believes that good things come from hard work," Conte said he'll be using the same skills he's used so successfully in his career as a varsity coach in his new position.

"I believe there's a direct correlation between the skills for coaching and the skills for an administrator," Conte said. "Administrative work is coaching people."

Conte said he considered himself fortunate to have worked at the Middle School under three excellent assistant principals; Ralph Zavarella, William Sapelli, and Robert Farrell.

"I hope I can continue on after Bob (Farrell) and continue with the success he had," Conte said.

Although the returning sixth graders are used to seeing Coach Conte in the gym, they'll soon get used to seeing him meeting the school buses, keeping order in the cafeteria, and taking over as the school's disciplinarian.

Conte said he didn't expect his new position would cause his sixth grade twins, Louis and Caitlyn, any problems. "My kids have always liked having me here," Conte said. "They can borrow lunch money."

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Parent Susan Dempsey Receives "Friend Of Education Award"

by Kathy Cassanelli
News Editor

As its first order of business for the 1994-95 school year, the Agawam Education Association honored parent Susan Dempsey with its prestigious "Friend of Education Award" in recognition of her significant contributions to the Agawam School System.

At the teachers' annual back-to-school gathering at the Junior High School on Thursday, September 1st, AEA President Gail Dion presented Mrs. Dempsey with a plaque on behalf of the teachers of Agawam.

In a speech that was both emotional and humorous, Mrs. Dempsey said, "I haven't been able to stop crying since I was notified I had been selected as this year's recipient. Even after I realized I had a great excuse to buy a new outfit, I cried."

Mrs. Dempsey pledged, "I will continue to work for you and with you to see that we all have the opportunity to fulfill our dreams."

In her letter proposing Mrs. Dempsey as a candidate for the award, Ann Favreau, a former teacher at Granger School who now serves as the school system's curriculum coordinator, wrote, "Mrs. Dempsey is a young woman who has recognized many needs in our community and put forth a tremendous personal effort to meet those needs."

When she discovered she wasn't the only parent who wished there was a way to relieve her son's fears about the first day of kindergarten, Mrs. Dempsey developed a kindergarten orientation program that has become a model for all the town's elementary schools.

And "The Let's Get Acquainted Program" has been an unqualified success and is considered a major asset to the school system.

When the position of safety officer was dropped by the Agawam Police Department, Mrs. Dempsey established an Ad Hoc Safety Committee to identify ways to meet the needs of the schools and the community as a whole. The resources of the "Safe Kids Program" at Baystate Medical Center have been made available to the town thanks to her efforts.

SEE DEMPSEY - EDUCATION SECTION...



SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS Bernard Ryder presents Susan Dempsey with the Agawam Education Association's "Friend of Education Award." Looking on (from left to right) are Mrs. Dempsey's son, Luke; her husband, Joseph; and her daughter, Rebecca.

Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

Council Tables Mayor's Plan For Change In Workmen's Comp Policy

by Kathy Cassanelli
News Editor

Citing a lack of concrete information from Mayor Christopher C. Johnson in support of his resolution to allow the town to participate in a modified self-insurance plan to pay workman's compensation claims, Town Council voted unanimously to table the Mayor's request at its Tuesday, September 6th meeting.

At Citizen's Speak Time, Agawam resident and long-time political activist Valentine Moreno raised the spectre of liability in the millions of dollars should the Mayor's proposal be accepted.

Moreno told the council his research into workman's compensation claims filed against towns in the Commonwealth painted a bleak picture of financial losses for small cities and towns.

"My investigation showed that if deaths occurred and if it was found the town was at fault ... the lawsuits were in the millions of dollars," Moreno said.

According to Council President James Taylor, the plan proposed by the Mayor was not a self-insurance plan, but a plan of shared liability with insurance carrier Great American Insurance.

Taylor said he was told by the Mayor that under the new plan, the town would set aside a certain amount of money to be held in a revolving account to pay for workman's compensation claims. Claims exceeding the amount in the revolving account would be covered by the insurance carrier. Any funds not expended from the revolving account would be returned to the town's general fund, Taylor said.

Town Would Save About \$100,000 Each Year

Taylor said it was estimated that the town would save approximately \$100,000 each year in insurance premiums under the new plan.

"Right now, our premiums for workman's compensation far exceed the actual payments for

workman's compensation claims," Taylor said. "We would not be on the hook for millions of dollars as was stated earlier."

But the councilors remained unconvinced.

Councilor Robert Danie maintained he was uncomfortable about voting on an insurance plan without a detailing of the facts and figures involved.

Noting he was disturbed that the detailed information was not given to the entire council, Councilor Gary Suffriti asked that Taylor convey a message to the Mayor stating that, "There's 11 of us here and we'd like to have it in writing."

Suffriti rejected Taylor's assertion that each councilor had the opportunity to call the Mayor with any questions about the proposal.

"No, you've got it backwards," Suffriti said to Taylor. "He's (Johnson's) the one proposing this. He's the one who supplies us with the information. We don't go fact-finding. Let him give us all the facts so we can make a determination."

Council Vice-President George Bitzas agreed with Danie that the insurance plan should be tabled until the next council meeting.

"There are eight of us here tonight and three of the councilors are missing. It's a very important issue. We should wait until the next meeting ... I would like to see Mayor Johnson provide the council with the answers to their questions," Bitzas said before calling for a motion to table the proposal.

The eight councilors present voted unanimously to table the Mayor's proposal.

Taylor had earlier reported that Councilor Vivian Dziardziel had notified him she would be unable to attend the meeting, Councilor Walter Balboni was out of town, and Councilor David Skolnick was observing a religious holiday.

Ag. Library Observing "Sign-Up Month"

To celebrate "National Library Card Sign-Up Month," the Agawam Library invites everyone who isn't yet a patron to register throughout September.

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WHEREAS, The Town of Agawam is desirous of establishing the position of Deputy Executive Director at the Agawam Senior Center;
WHEREAS, The Agawam Senior Center has qualified personnel willing to accept the added duties and responsibilities of this position;
WHEREAS, The Agawam Senior Center will be better able to meet the community's demand for services by the establishment of this position;
NOW THEREFORE, THE TOWN OF COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF AGAWAM HEREBY AMENDS CHAPTER 49, SECTION 7(1) OF THE CODE OF THE TOWN OF AGAWAM EFFECTIVE UPON PASSAGE AS SET FORTH BELOW:

SECTION 7(1)-DELETE:

Class Title	Class Grade
Elder Citizens Aide	C-3

SECTION 7(1)-ADD:

Class Title	Class Grade
Deputy Executive Director	C-2

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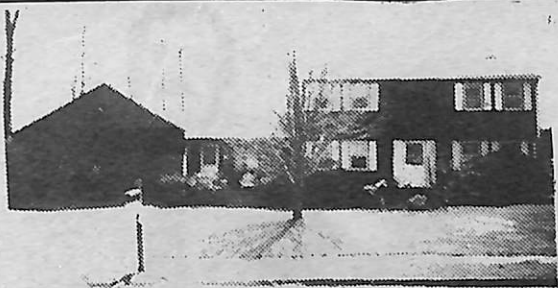
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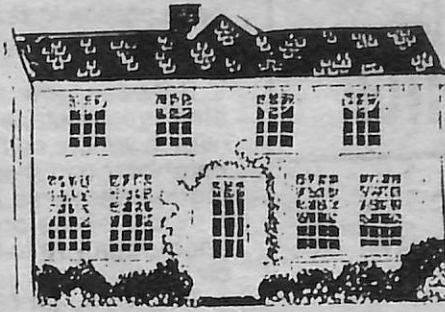
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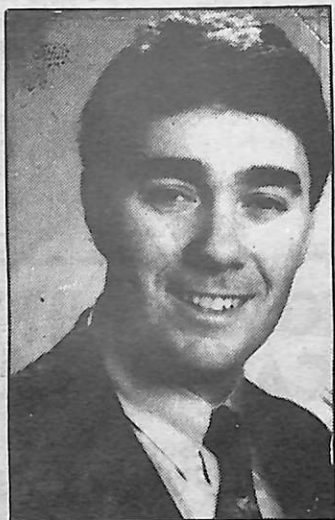
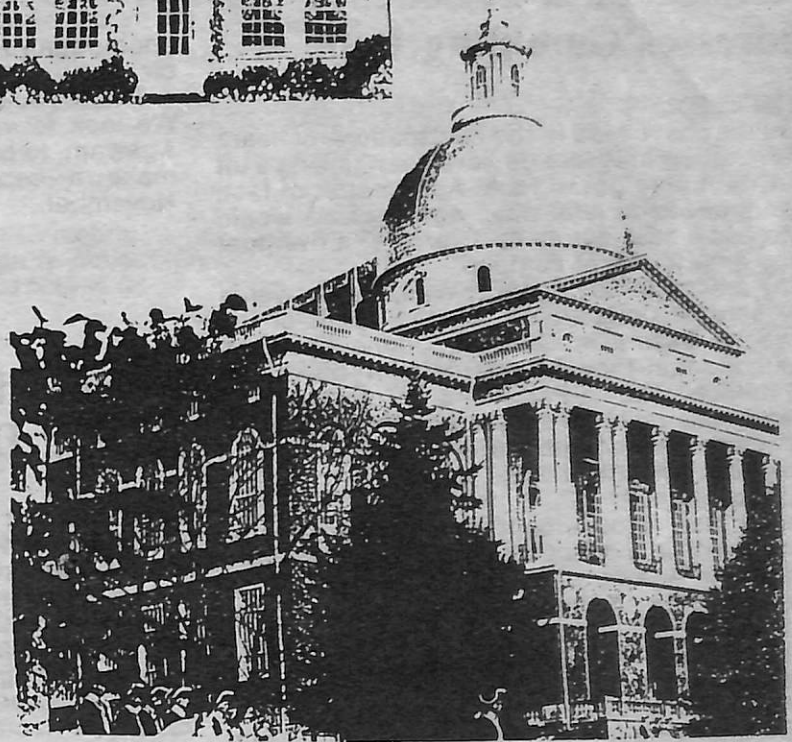
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Riverside Park President Addresses Gambling Issue

To The Editor:

You may have read in the newspapers, or heard on TV, that we at Riverside have been talking a lot about the future of our Park. As a matter of fact, we announced several days ago that we would like to add a new feature to Riverside - a riverboat casino entertainment complex.

Why are we proposing this? Well, the answer is fairly simple. **Competition.** To the south of us, Foxwoods Casino in Ledyard, Connecticut has announced that they are interested in building a \$100 million "Theme Park," and to our east, the Governor has recently signed an agreement with the Wampanoag Indians that would allow them to build a casino with a huge amusement park in New Bedford.

These new amusement parks, financed by casinos, will be a direct threat to all that we have built here in Agawam.

We have been an important member of our town for many years. In fact, Riverside has been a tourist destination for over 100 years, and we have owned and operated the Park for 54 years. We are the largest employer in town. We contribute a significant amount of revenue to Agawam through property taxes, permit and licensing fees, and employment of local residents.

Not only would this project save the park from going out of business, it would also have **substantial economic benefits for Agawam and our region.** Our preliminary research shows the following:

- At least 1,200 to 1,500 permanent full-time jobs will be created for the Agawam area.
- Increased revenue to Agawam from Riverside in the form of additional property taxes and fees.
- According to pending legislation, the local community would receive a portion of casino receipts. Our expectation is that the town of Agawam would receive between \$5 million to \$7 million annually - additional revenue that could be used for capital budget items like public safety and education.
- Increased tourism for our area that will boost the local and regional economy.

We are concerned about what will happen to our economic future - both Riverside's and Agawam's - if we cannot compete with these casinos that have amusement parks. **We simply want the ability to operate with a level playing field.**

Whether or not we can move forward with our idea depends on two things.

First, casino gaming has yet to be authorized by the state. However, we think that either this year or next, Western Massachusetts will be allowed to site one or more gaming facilities.

Second, and most important, **it depends on you.** Several weeks ago we requested that the City Council pass a resolution to put a question on the ballot on whether or not Riverside should be allowed to have a casino gaming facility on our property. Why did we do this? We did this, not because we had to, but because we wanted to. **We want you to have the opportunity to vote on Riverside's future.**

We would never propose anything that we thought was inappropriate for Agawam. We have always worked closely with our community. And we will continue to do just that. We will work closely with all town officials to ensure that every question and concern is addressed. And we want each person in town, including you and your family, to know as much about our proposal as possible.

Between now and November, we will be sending you detailed information on the project (which we are calling "The River Belle II"), holding neighborhood meetings, and opening up an information center so that anyone can stop by to view a model of the project and to ask questions. We encourage you to learn as much about it as possible.

Thank you for taking the time to read this letter. We look forward to working with you, and all of Agawam, to give you the information you need to make a decision on how you will vote in November.

Sincerely,
Ed Carroll, Jr., President
Riverside Park

Independent Voters CAN Vote During Democratic Primary

To The Editor:

In the past few days, many registered Independent voters from Agawam and Southwick have asked me if they could vote for me in the upcoming Democratic Primary. As I said, they are registered as independent voters.

When they go to the polls to vote, they should ask for a Democratic ticket and then they can go to the Democratic voting machine and vote. It is very simple and very quick.

I would like to thank the Independent voters for their interest and support. I urge all Independent and Democratic voters to take some time and go to the polls on Tuesday, September 20th. Thank you again for your continued support and trust in me.

If I am elected as your State Representative, I will continue to work for you, hear your concerns, and bring them to the floor of the State House. I will do my best to represent you because I am one of you.

As your City Councilor for the past five years, I know first-hand the problems and concerns of my district, and I intend to do something about them.

George Bitzas
Democratic Candidate for
State Representative
Third Hampden District

Riverside Park Soccer Event Was A Fantastic Success

To The Editor:

Congratulations to Riverside Park, the Agawam Soccer Association, the Town of Agawam, the Agawam School Department, the coaches, the boys' and girls' teams, the referees, the sponsors, businesses, parents, volunteers, and everyone else who helped make the "10th Annual Labor Day Riverside Classic Soccer Tournament" a fantastic success.

Having excellent sportsmanship and enjoying playing make all the difference in the world!

Very truly yours,
Clyde E. Benton
Feeding Hills

Swk. Resident Agrees With Bitzas On Health Care

To The Editor:

Having recently attended the Democratic picnic at the American Legion Club 338 in Southwick, my wife and I had an opportunity to speak with George Bitzas directly regarding health care.

He elaborated to my wife, Lori, the possibility of reevaluating doctors on a six-month to a year basis, with updated courses on bedside manner and personalized care for patients. The responses from George regarding health care issues are consistent with the thoughts of many others.

Both my wife and I were very impressed with George's education, as well as his government and community involvement. His five years as an Agawam Town Councilor make him the most qualified candidate for the position of State Representative.

William E. McManus
Commander of Disabled American Veterans of
Agawam/West Springfield (Chapter 55)
Veteran of Foreign Wars Post 872 In
Southwick
Chaplain of American Legion and past
commander for two years

Keenan's Campaign Ads Don't Tell The Whole Story

To The Editor:

I read with interest the paid advertisement by Dan Keenan in the September 1st edition of "The Agawam Advertiser News." Unfortunately, these types of paid advertisements are taken as fact by your readers.

I have to wonder what kind of candidate Dan Keenan is, using his political funds to sway votes rather than his stand on issues.

I know the voters of the Third Hampden County District are smarter than to believe all the facts were laid out in Mr. Keenan's paid advertisement, and that they are also smart enough to know George Bitzas is the best candidate for the job of State Rep.

Ellen M. Giannini
84 Point Grove Road
Southwick

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COMMUNITY CALENDAR

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Annual Tailgate Sale by
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Mondays, September 12th,
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At Westfield Evangelical Free Church,
568 Southwick Rd. (Rte. 202), Westfield
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LETTERS - from Page 4...

Bitzas Is The Most Qualified Candidate For State Rep. Seat

To The Editor:

The recent noise about a debate between the two Democratic candidates for State Representative is interesting.

It's no wonder candidate Keenan is pushing for a debate. It might be the first time he would publicly express a real opinion on an issue. Week after week, his ads tell us nothing—other than he's experienced at TAXES and the wonderful legal system. What good is a debate when one candidate doesn't take a stand on anything?

George Bitzas, on the other hand, has had five plus years experience in government. He's been on the firing line, right here in town by serving on the Town Council.

For five years he has shown us leadership, guiding the council through tough issues, publicly taking a stand on all issues, and has VOTED his conscience and what is best for the people of Agawam.

What counts for State Rep is someone experienced, someone who will take the time to research all sides of an issue, someone who will make the best, informed decision. Candidate Keenan gives the impression he would rather make instantaneous decisions without becoming well informed, his so-called "thinking on his feet."

I'll take an experienced, hometown fellow and pass on the terrible cartoonist.

Sincerely yours,
Chester R. Dziardziel
Agawam

Taylor's Leadership Will Be A Benefit In The State House

To The Editor:

State Representative is a most important and serious position of leadership. It is at least as important as that of mayor, maybe even more so, since it serves a larger district, and at the state level. There is one candidate for this position who has proven his leadership ability—Jim Taylor.

For years the city council bickered and got nothing done. Then two years ago, Jim Taylor was

elected council president and things started happening. Under Mr. Taylor's council leadership, the Town of Agawam acquired the Tuckahoe property to preserve open space. As you may remember, it was a nail biter of a meeting, but Mr. Taylor kept his cool and held things together. Now our children will be able to enjoy this marvelous open land.

Under Mr. Taylor's leadership, the council also approved the purchase of the Agawam Country Club. Many improvements have been made and the club is reportedly very successful.

And after 16 years, the Town Council has finally approved the purchase of land and the construction of a new fire headquarters as well as the purchase of a new fire truck to replace one that's 30 years old. All this and more under Jim Taylor's council leadership.

Now we need Mr. Taylor's leadership in the State House to keep getting things done in state government.

Sincerely,
Gordon R. Smith
Feeding Hills

Open Pantry Thanks Everyone For Successful Breakfast

To The Editor:

The West Springfield/Agawam Open Pantry was blessed on Sunday, August 28th, with a very successful French toast breakfast. Thanks to all the wonderful support we received, we raised \$2,300 towards our expenses.

Several groups helped to make the breakfast so successful: the West Springfield Lions Club, UNICO, the West Springfield Parish Association, and the Agawam churches. These folks cooked, served, donated food, sold tickets, and cleaned up.

We want to thank these special people, plus all the folks who bought tickets and enjoyed the breakfast.

Sincerely,
West Springfield/Agawam Open Pantry
Breakfast Committee

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CONTE - from Page 1...

Conte's Background

A lifelong resident of Agawam, Conte graduated from Agawam High School in 1971 and starred in three sports during his years at AHS.

He earned his bachelor's degree in physical education, health and recreation from Ithaca College in 1975; at Ithaca, he also starred in sports at the collegiate level. Conte then went on to earn his master's degree in administration from American International College in 1990.

Conte joined the Agawam school system as an elementary school physical education teacher, and he has been teaching physical education at the Middle School for 17 years. In addition to teaching physical education, Conte has been coaching varsity sports for 36 seasons.

In his eight years coaching girls' varsity basketball at AHS, Conte has brought three Western Mass. Championship titles home to Agawam. He has also coached freshman football, freshman boys' baseball, and boys' varsity basketball.

Middle School Principal Ralph Zavarella said he was pleased that Ryder accepted his recommendation to appoint Conte as his assistant.

"Very simply, he's the right person for the job," Zavarella said. "He brings a lifetime of dedication and commitment to the children of Agawam. In his many and varied capacities as a physical education teacher, he has a very broad base of experience in working with students from kindergarten through 12th grade."

Zavarella said he and Conte would make a good team: "We have a good, harmonious working relationship."

In addition to his duties as the Middle School assistant principal, Conte will take over the responsibility for the Chapter I program offered in the four elementary schools.

Conte and his wife, Deborah (Caroleo), reside in Agawam with their four children: Amber, 14; Louis and Caitlyn, both 11; and Keeley, 6.

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LETTERS - from Page 5...

Congratulations To Everyone Associated With Soccer Event

To The Editor:

I am writing this letter not as a public official, but as a parent with three children very much involved in sports in our town.

Last weekend, two of my children participated in the Riverside Soccer Tournament, sponsored by the Agawam Soccer Association. The long hours that the organizers put in were rewarded by the success of the tournament.

Many parents volunteered so that everything ran smoothly at all three sites: Agawam High School, Agawam Junior High School, and Phelps Elementary School. The weather also cooperated to add to the successful weekend for many soccer enthusiasts.

One-hundred and 26 teams took part in the games that weekend. Teams came from New York, New Hampshire, Connecticut, Rhode Island, and many parts of Massachusetts. Many positive comments were heard all weekend about how well everything was running and how much they were enjoying the tournament.

I would like to congratulate everyone who worked so hard to make this Labor Day weekend a success: **Mike Dobise, Pete Gaffney, Bill Faust, Murray Pearson, Rita Scott, Brenda Theriaque, Ken Cizek, Tom Tierney, Bob Rousseau, Chris Bishop, Ron Jean, Lynn Dobise, Jody Cecchi, Mike Piccins, Denny Marr, and Ray Scott.**

Your time and energy is appreciated.

Thank you,
George Bitzas
Agawam

Illegal Meeting Attended By Members Of Town Council

To The Editor:

On September 1, 1994, *The Advertiser News* carried several articles and letters concerning the three candidates seeking the office of State Representative.

There were three letters in particular that were of paramount interest to me. These letters carried the words, TRUST, LEADERSHIP and PROFESSIONALISM in GOVERNMENT, which described the three candidates.

TRUST, LEADERSHIP and PROFESSIONALISM in GOVERNMENT is precisely what I want to talk about in this letter.

I have enclosed, for verification and for the editor's viewing, a newspaper clipping, written in another publication which I find to be shocking.

The article which I am referring to states that Hampden County Superior Court Judge William Welch confirmed that, "THE CITY (AGAWAM) COUNCIL DID BREAK AN IMPLIED COVENANT OF GOOD FAITH" BY HOLDING AN ILLEGAL MEETING.

I find Judge William Welch's revelation concerning the illegal meeting, which was attended by certain unnamed Agawam city councilors, to be deeply troublesome to me.

This type of political cronyism has no place in Town, City, or State government. Those councilors who attended that illegal meeting, in my judgement, epitomise the lowest form of ethical misconduct.

Obviously, candidate Dan Keenan could not have attended the illegal meeting because he is not from Agawam. Therefore, I challenge both councilors, Bitzas and Taylor, to demonstrate some real leadership, trust and professionalism in government by answering the following question:

Did either of you, as city councilors, attend the meeting which Judge William Welch found to be illegal?

It is absolutely imperative that the voters of the Third Hampden District be made aware of both your answers immediately.

Dan Moraski
27-Year Resident
Now of Florida

Keenan Best Candidate For State Representative

To The Editor:

I am writing this letter to urge the residents of Agawam to please consider Dan Keenan as our State Representative.

I know Dan Keenan. I have had the pleasure of becoming good friends with Dan Keenan over the past several years. I've known Dan to be forthright, honest, and dedicated in everything he does.

I believe Dan Keenan will make an outstanding State Representative and I hope you will, too.

Sincerely,
Larry Sheehan
Agawam

Town Workmen's Comp Said To Be Wrong

To The Editor:

I have submitted to the Agawam Town Council my declaration stating that I filed for an investigation to be made on the hiring and paying of a professional consultant to review all the insurance policies of Category 13 of the line item budgets in the town budget.

You, the Agawam Town Council, have decided to treat it lightly. So now the burden lies with you also. Do any of you councilors recall if you voted to allow the Mayor to hire a consultant and provide unlimited funds for him? You, the council, must admit that you did not put up funds to sustain the cost of an insurance consultant.

Your Mayor has allowed the consultant to charge the town costs with abandon. There is no money in a consultant's account and then there was money drawn from accounts where NO funds were established by the council to pay a consultant.

Just what is the Mayor attempting to do with the item on the council agenda to adopt Chapter 40, Section 13A & 13C? Do any members of the council know what his proposal is? It is to self-insure workers compensation by the town! This has been tried without success in the past and was proved it wouldn't work.

Yes, the town tried several ways and found it unworkable. The town also tried Blue Cross and Blue Shield and discarded the system. It proved to be a disaster. Why, at this time, does the Mayor want to have worker's compensation to be self-insured for Agawam? I did some homework and found that small cities and towns were in danger of great losses. It is a dangerous gamble.

My investigation showed that if deaths occurred and it was found the town or city was at fault (or due to the negligence of the municipality), the lawsuits filed against the municipality were in the millions of dollars.

This law establishes that "our insurance fund can only be voted on by the council or the voters, who may appropriate an amount not exceeding in any one year 1/20th of one percent of its taxable valuation, as defined in Section One of Chapter 44 to establish and maintain workman's comp."

The cost this year, the law further states, is that if funds have been neglected or failed for a period of five consecutive years, the plan dies. My investigation proved that small cities and towns take great risks when they make this gamble.

The town has already expended a great amount of money on this consultant. And if Agawam accepts the Mayor's proposal on workmen's compensation, one serious accident could wipe us out. A city can withstand just so much cash loss. I defy the Mayor to prove otherwise.

And why all this now? Why take this gamble? I will tell you why. It is to create a bigger job for the Mayor's consultant. What a boondoggle this will be if the Mayor gets away with it. I recommend that if the Mayor spends 15,000 words to sell you this program and wins, the council, the town, and its taxpayers will be the losers.

Beware, council. Go slow! At least wait until the state's Inspector General's Office and the state Auditor's Office finish their investigation of the Mayor's shenanigans with his consultant.

Don't forget, members of the council - I told you to beware. Do your duty!

Valentine R. Moreno
Florida Drive, Agawam

Chamber's Gambling Survey Doesn't Tell Whole Story

To The Editor:

Your August 25th issue reported the efforts of the Chamber of Commerce to support a Casino at Riverside Park.

This letter is not about Casino gambling. The debate on that matter has yet to begin. When it does start, the writer will be anxious to debate pro and con for Casino gambling in Agawam.

My concern today is about Chamber President Kurt Welker's report that Chamber survey results were "very positive in favor of the Casino." He further said, "Only 11 negative responses were received out of more than 200 businesses surveyed."

He could have properly reported that only 17 percent of Chamber members responded and the results were as follows:

24 In Favor; 11 Against; 2 No Opinion.

Come on *Advertiser* ... you could have reported only 12 percent of Chamber members surveyed favor Casino gambling in Agawam. Please tell your readers the whole story.

Arthur Leary
Country Squire Shop
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Lack Of Debates Produces "No Voter Confidence"

To The Editor:

I read in your newspaper that George Bitzas is asking for the voters to "again place their trust" in him.

How can voters trust a candidate that refuses to debate important issues?

How can voters place their trust in political people who would shut out audience participation?

No debates produce **NO VOTER CONFIDENCE!**

Albert Prokop
Southwick, MA

Question On Gambling Called A Farce

To The Editor:

"Our youth is our greatest investment," an oft-quoted phrase when we talk about education, society's environment and crime prevention; however, it is put in the closet when it comes to business. Business first and foremost. Create what kind of jobs? At what expense?

I mean no insult to Mr. Carroll's or Mr. Picknelly's business acumen. But their views in promoting gambling, in my mind, denigrate the youth in the Agawam, Springfield area.

Around May of this year *The Agawam Advertiser News* ran an article about gambling in Agawam High School; and, on Tuesday, June 14th, "Inside Edition" on Channel 3 (Hartford) did an expose about Agawam High School gambling, including interviews with Agawam High School students.

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LETTERS - from Page 6...

There was absolutely no coverage in this area by other print media or television. In my attempt to clarify this with authorities at Agawam High, I was told the principal was the only one who could comment. But I was not able to contact him after three calls. I almost began to believe what I saw was a figment of my imagination.

The idiocy of exposing our youth to a life of theme parks and gambling is beyond my educated comprehension. Theme parks - to park your kids in for a day while you gamble away the family's daily bread is ludicrous.

I cannot fathom the lack of public outcry against exposing our youth to this lifestyle. Where are the responsible parents, if there are any left? Where are the educators, the churches, the consciences of the politicians?

What about the commission formed in Springfield to investigate the pros and cons of gambling? It returned to the city to say the people should make the decision. Did they not have the "courage of their convictions"? It seems to me that rather than presenting the negative, they said nothing at all. Shame on them.

What a farce this non-binding ballot question on November 8th is. Already the promoters are claiming the people's choice will be followed. I doubt that. If the vote is "pro," the promoters will consider it binding. And if it is negative, it will not stop them from trying to push gambling down our throats.

It will only be non-binding if the vote is negative. The gambling advocates will put up a financial fight to impose this on our communities.

Our children and their children cannot help but be negatively affected by this imposition into their lives. Every effort should be made to stop this mega-madness disaster called recreational gambling.

A. Doherty
Agawam

Western Mass. GOP Plans Annual Banquet

Western Mass. Republicans will hold their fifth Annual Banquet on Friday evening, September 23rd, at the Holiday Inn in Holyoke.

This annual event is designed to support our Republican candidates from this area seeking election to office in the Massachusetts General Court and the U.S. House of Representatives.

A Social Hour will begin at 5:15 p.m. and it will be followed by the Banquet Dinner at 6:15.

Governor William Weld will highlight the evening's program by presenting WMR's Annual Calvin Coolidge Awards to the Republican woman and man of 1994 from Western Massachusetts.

Banquet reservations must be made by Monday, September 19th. Ticket prices are \$35 for a single admission and \$60 for a couple. There is a special price of \$25 for senior citizens and students.

Additional information can be obtained by calling Fred Whitney of Springfield, 782-3321, Christian Quatrone of Feeding Hills, 786-4496, or William Barbeau of West Springfield, 737-7387.

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Fire Dept. Celebrates Pisano's Appointment



THE AGAWAM FIRE DEPARTMENT held an informal gathering for new Fire Chief David Pisano last Thursday, September 1st. From left - Brian Keefe, Jose Vasquez, Doug Cesan, Chief Pisano, Georgie Thompson, Norm Colburn, and Gary Schneider. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

Agawam Democrats To Honor Walsh With Testimonial

The Agawam Democratic Committee has formalized plans for a testimonial to honor State Representative Michael P. Walsh.

Representative Walsh has served the Third Hampden District for the past 12 years. He announced earlier this year that he would not seek reelection.

The testimonial will be held Thursday, October 20, 1994, at Chez Josef, 176 Shoemaker Lane, in Agawam. A social hour will begin at 6:00 p.m., followed by dinner at 7:00 p.m.

The highlight of the evening will be the presentation of the "Democrat of the Year" Award to Representative Walsh.

The Agawam Democratic Committee has established this award as the Michael P. Walsh Democrat of the Year Award to be presented annually to a worthy recipient.

Members of the public are cordially invited to attend this event. Tickets for the testimonial are \$25 per person.

For tickets or further information, contact Barbara Dunn at 786-7147; Ron Hebert at 786-4962; or Joanne Willis at 789-1360.

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Campaign '94

Taylor Meets With Area Republicans

Ray Feyre Issues Debate Challenge To Opponents

Ray Feyre, candidate for Hampden County Clerk of Courts, has issued a debate challenge to his opponents in the September 20th primary election.

In addition to the challenge, Feyre intends to contact every media outlet located in Hampden County to become involved in the sponsorship and moderation of a single or series of debates. Feyre is also sending a letter to the Democratic city and town committee chairpeople of each municipality in Hampden County, asking for their help as well in initiating these public forums.

"The campaign for Hampden County Clerk of Courts is important. The position of Clerk affects all of us who live in this county. It's the Clerk who is responsible for the efficient operation of Superior Court. If the Clerk doesn't work, our court system doesn't work," stated Feyre.

"Every candidate in this race has a responsibility to inform the voters of Hampden County what he or she intends to do if elected. Our judges, court and law enforcement officers, the District Attorney, and most importantly, the innocent victims of crime, depend on the Clerk. We, the candidates, have an obligation to publicly declare how we will run the office—how we will administer our judicial system.

"I'll be contacting the management of every media outlet in Hampden County—our radio stations, television stations, and all our newspapers—to respectfully ask for the media's participation in either sponsoring or moderating the debates."

He continued, "Hampden County is a large geographic area. It's a county of diverse people and unique cities and towns. I feel that it's essential to reach out to all the voters and taxpayers of the county and let them know what the office does and what I intend to do if given the opportunity. So, in addition to contacting the media for assistance, I'll also be contacting the chairpeople of each city and town's Democratic committees to invite and request their participation.

"I'm ready to discuss the essential issues of this campaign; of how I would run this important office, of how I would safeguard the taxpayers' interests and trust. I'm ready and hope to debate in every city and town in the county," declared Feyre.

"In addition, I hope that this challenge will bring the incumbent Clerk out into the open. He's held the seat for 12 years and is currently doing nothing in this campaign. The people of the county deserve more than a 'rose garden campaign' from Buddy Martin; he hasn't even announced for reelection," concluded Feyre.



REPUBLICAN LEADERSHIP: On Wednesday, August 31st, Lieutenant Governor Paul Celluci was in Agawam to attend the Annual Hampden County Sheriff's Clambake. From left - Senate Minority Leader Brian P. Lees, Agawam Mayor Christopher C. Johnson, Celucci, Town Council President James D. Taylor, and Holyoke Mayor William Hamilton.

Taylor Supports Extensive Overhaul Of State's Welfare System; Supports Workfare

James D. Taylor, State Representative candidate from the Third Hampden District, has stated his commitment to an extensive overhaul of the Massachusetts welfare system. He pledged to make welfare reform one of his top priorities if elected to the House of Representatives on November 8th.

Taylor said, "The numbers are clear—the current system promotes long-term and intergenerational welfare dependencies. This must change." Massachusetts provides the sixth-highest cash benefit in the nation at a cost to taxpayers of \$1.6 billion a year.

Taylor stated that any proposal that fails to include workfare will not earn his support. According to the Department of Welfare, 30 percent of the people currently on the welfare rolls have never had a job.

Taylor said that the government should demand community service from welfare recipients: "Able-bodied recipients should contribute their fair share. There are hundreds of community service projects where volunteers are needed. It's not too

much to ask."

Another provision of welfare reform that Taylor will seek if elected is a minimum residency requirement before receiving benefits. Taylor said, "Massachusetts has become a welfare magnet. This must stop."

Taylor will also advocate anti-fraud provisions in any welfare reform legislation. The Bureau of Special Investigations reports that last year there were over 3,000 confirmed cases of welfare fraud. This resulted in approximately \$4 million in overpayments.

Taylor said, "We cannot allow this to continue any longer. I will fight welfare fraud by increasing the penalties for offenders so the courts will have the tools to prosecute them."

Taylor summarized his sentiment by stating, "We have to change our way of thinking. Welfare is not an entitlement. It is a temporary safety net for hard times, not a permanent way of life. We must set limits. If I am elected in November, I will play a strong role in ensuring that limits are set—and without loopholes."

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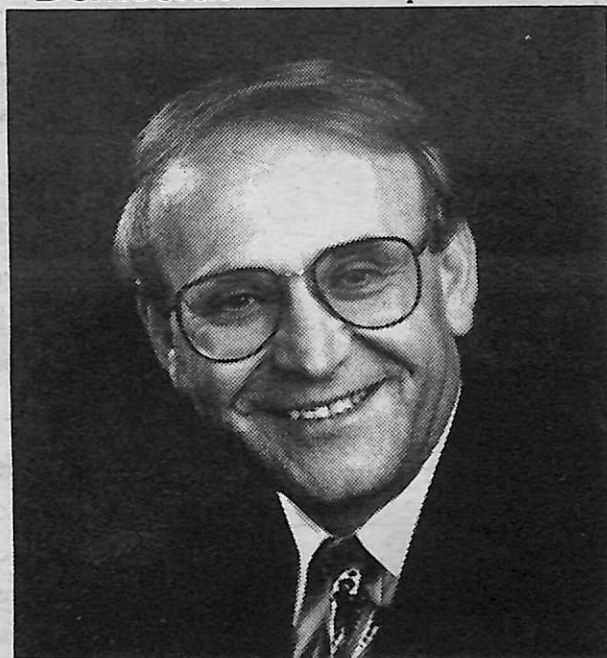
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*Campaign '94 - continued...***Keenan Would Support Welfare Overhaul**

Dan Keenan, Democratic candidate for State Representative for the Third Hampden District, stated recently that he believes we must eliminate welfare as we know it today.

"It is the responsibility of the legislature of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts to develop a welfare system that encourages recipients to become working members of society. If this is not the goal, then the system fails everyone," said Keenan. "We need a system that does support people in need, but which does not encourage long term dependency. A system which provides basic education and job training, not cash hand outs."

The Massachusetts Department of Public Welfare estimates that 110,000 families, including more than 300,000 people, receive in excess of \$800 million per year through the Aid to Families with Dependent Children (AFDC) program. Currently, more than 50 percent of these families have been in the system for more than three years.

Keenan stated that this system needs change. "As your State Representative, I will work to create a system that provides a return on the investment that we make in the people of Massachusetts," he said.

Keenan also stated that in excess of 90 percent of the families receiving welfare benefits are headed by women, 50 percent of whom have never been married and 40 percent of whom had their first child as teenagers. "It is our responsibility to find a solution to this unfortunate trend," said Keenan.

"The current system is failing the people who need it, the people who deserve it, and every resident of this state. I support welfare reform that eliminates cash grants as soon as possible. By taking the cash out of people's hands, we will be better able to control fraud and abuse within the system.

"Child care, food stamps, and health insurance coverage should be available as long as the recipient has found employment, is in school, is job training, or is involved in community service," concluded Keenan.

Keenan Headquarters Open Each Night

The Committee to Elect Dan Keenan State Representative announces that Mr. Keenan's campaign headquarters will be open every evening between 6:30 and 9:00 p.m.

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**Agawam Republican
City Comm. To Meet
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The Agawam Republican City Committee will hold its September meeting on Saturday, September 10th, at the Oak Ridge Country Club in Agawam at 8:30 a.m.

Chairman Christian Quatrone asks that all members and associated members attend this meeting.

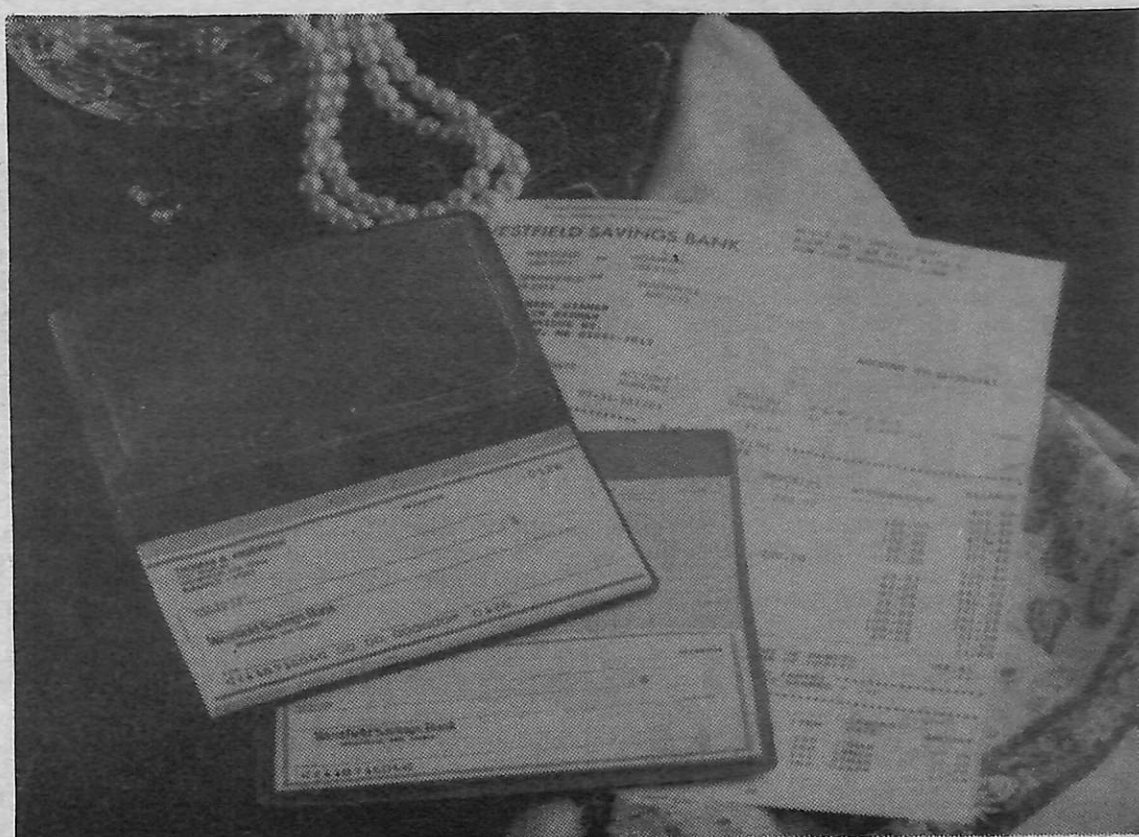
There will be information about all upcoming functions, including a report from the "Harold Walker Testimonial" committee.

**Keenan Committee
Planning Breakfast
At Swk. Restaurant**

The Committee to Elect Dan Keenan State Representative will be holding a Breakfast Reception for Dan Keenan on Sunday, September 11th from 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. at Louie B's Restaurant, Southwick, MA.

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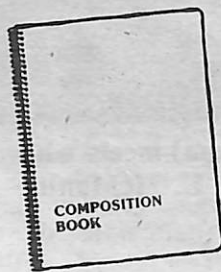
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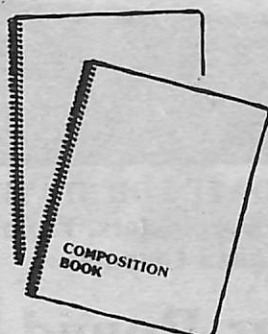
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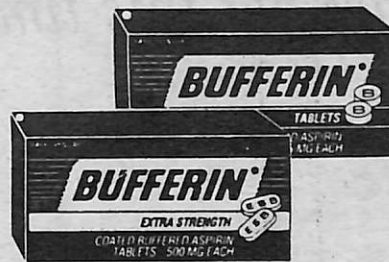
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Campaign '94 - continued...

Feyre Scores Budget, Staff Discrepancies In Court Clerk's Office

Ray Feyre, Hampden County Clerk of Courts candidate, has criticized discrepancies in both the budget and staff size of the Hampden County Clerk of Courts's office when compared to other Massachusetts Clerks's offices.

Feyre cited budget numbers and staff positions as found in the 1993 state budget and as quoted in the Massachusetts Lawyers Diary.

"Hampden County taxpayers are being cheated. We are subsidizing the operations of other counties' Clerk of Courts's offices with our tax dollars. This is unfair, and I intend to do something about this discrepancy as Clerk of Courts," stated Feyre.

"Worcester County's Clerk of Courts office handles less than half the criminal case load that Hampden County deals with, yet Worcester has the benefit of a larger operating budget and a larger staff. That's more money and more people to make their courts run more efficiently and to better serve the public," said Feyre.

Hampden County has a budget of \$946,788 and a staff of 25 employees. Worcester, with half the criminal case load, has a \$1,089,466 budget and 31 positions.

"One of the complaints that I keep hearing while on the campaign trail is that our courts are overburdened, backlogged, and inefficient. The buck stops on the Clerk of Courts's desk," said Feyre.

"The Clerk of Courts has to let our representatives at the State House know what the office needs to run the courts. Hampden County has a powerful legislative delegation—House and Senate members with seniority who hold leadership positions and chair committees. I've talked with many of the legislators and they are willing to help," stated Feyre.

"As Clerk, I'll send biannual reports to our legislators about our case load problems, accomplishments, and budget needs. I'll invite every legislator representing the 23 cities and towns into the office so they can see first-hand the dollars they bring back home at work for the public.

"In addition, I intend to be a regular guest on Beacon Hill at budget time. I will testify before the Committee on Counties as to our needs here. When appropriate, I'll testify before the Judiciary Committee if I can offer positive solutions to the problems faced by our courts.

"I also intend to host a biannual legislative breakfast at my own personal expense. At these breakfasts, legislators will have an opportunity to hear about our progress and to meet directly with the people who make the office run.

"I believe in the saying 'Ask and ye shall receive.' The taxpayers of Hampden County can believe that I'll be asking—and asking and asking—for their tax dollars to come back to Hampden County for the efficient operation of our courts," concluded Feyre.

Bitzas Meets With Southwick Coordinators



DEMOCRATIC CANDIDATE FOR STATE REP. George Bitzas (D-Agawam) meets with his Southwick campaign coordinators. From left - Garry Giannini, William E. McManus, Ellen M. Giannini, and Anissa Giannini.

IRS Says Year-Round Tax Planning A Good Idea For All, Not Just The Rich

"Year-round tax planning isn't just for the rich anymore, it is a wise move for all taxpayers," said Francine Crowley, Boston IRS District Director.

To help you plan this year, the IRS wants you to be aware of the following tax law changes.

Charitable donations of \$250 or more now require a written request to be deductible. A canceled check is no longer good enough. Charities now must inform donors of the value of any "gifts" provided in exchange for contributions. As usual, only the amount of the donation over the value of the gift is deductible.

The earned income credit for those who qualify has increased again. On 1994 tax returns, this could mean as much as \$2,528, up from \$2,364 last year.

Persons who suffered damage to their main home since August 31, 1991, in an area the President declared a disaster area may be able to file for a tax refund. "Recent tax law changes make some gains from insurance proceeds paid on a damaged principal residence or its contents no longer taxable," said Crowley.

"Also, the time the taxpayer has to replace damaged property for tax purposes has been extended from two to four years."

Some moving expenses for self-employed persons and employees will no longer be deductible. Some of the larger items that cannot be deducted are house-hunting trips and expenses related to selling and buying a new house. Taxpayers do not have to itemize to deduct moving expenses incurred after 1993.

Single persons with income that exceeds \$34,000 or married persons filing jointly with incomes exceeding \$44,000, will see at least a portion of their social security or railroad retirement benefits taxed at a new 85 percent. Special rules apply for married couples who live together but file separate returns.

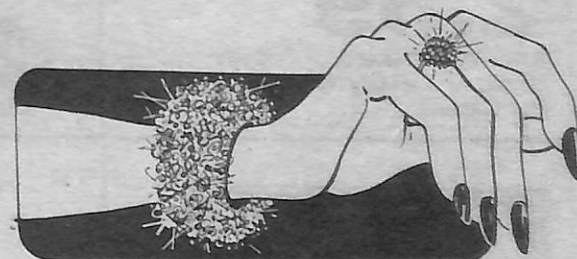
"More information on these and other recent tax law changes, for both businesses and individuals, is available in IRS Publication 553, 'Highlights of 1993 Tax Changes.' Call toll-free, 1-800-829-3676 to order this publication," added Crowley.

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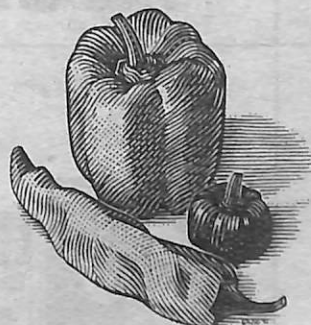


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Agawam Obituaries

Muriel Gross

Muriel (Keiller) Gross, 65, of 5 Squire Lane, Feeding Hills, and formerly of 18 Pidgeon Drive, Springfield, died in Mercy Hospital.

She was a 24-year service department secretary for Del Padre Music Co.

Born in Springfield, she was a long-time resident of that city, and moved to Feeding Hills recently.

She leaves her husband, Robert A. Gross; a daughter, Heather Talty of Feeding Hills; and two grandchildren.

A memorial service was conducted in South Congregational Church's Memorial Chapel, with burial at the convenience of the family. Dickinson-Streeter Funeral Home is in charge.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Massachusetts Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals, 33 Bliss Street, Springfield, MA 01105, or the American Diabetes Association, Suite 202a, 813 Williams Street, Longmeadow, MA 01106.

Laurelle M. Giard

Laurelle M. (Richard) Giard, 75, of 16632 Pomerado Road, Poway, California, a secretary for International Business Machines Corp. in Springfield, Massachusetts, for several years, died in Rancho Bernardo Convalescence Hospital.

Born in West Springfield, she lived formerly in Agawam and was a graduate of Agawam High School. She also lived in the Springfield area before moving west in 1971.

Her husband, Leo Giard, died in 1992.

Mrs. Giard leaves a daughter, Lynn Drewnowski of Agawam; and two sisters, Madelaine Grochmal and Rachael Richard of Chicopee.

A private graveside was conducted at Agawam Center Cemetery, and Agawam Curran-Jones Funeral Home was in charge.

Memorial contribution may be made to the Multiple Sclerosis Society, 1583 Memorial Drive, Chicopee, MA 01020.

Eleanor M. Ferrell

Eleanor M. Ferrell, 79, of Tustin, California, formerly of Agawam, died recently.

She was the widow of Everett C. Ferrell. She is survived by her sister, Alice Moore of Agawam; one daughter, Linda Thiebolt, and one son, David Ferrell, both of California; four grandchildren, and four great-grandchildren.

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TOWN OF AGAWAM BOARD OF APPEALS

Notice is hereby given that the Board of Appeals will conduct a public hearing at the Agawam Middle School Cafeteria, 68 Main St., on THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 15, 1994 at 6:30 P.M. o'clock, for all parties interested in the appeal of CAROLYN E. BORKOSKY, who is seeking relief from Section 180-27 which would allow for the construction of a single family residence on a lot with less than the required frontage at the premises identified as PARCEL A, PINE STREET and adjacent to 194 PINE STREET.

By order of the Board of Appeals,
Raymond Gendron
Acting Chairman

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TOWN OF AGAWAM BOARD OF APPEALS

Notice is hereby given that the Board of Appeals will conduct a public hearing at the Agawam Middle School Cafeteria, 68 Main St., on THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 15, 1994 at 6:45 P.M. o'clock for all parties interested in the appeal of MRS. ANDREA MOCCIO, who is seeking a Special Permit in accordance with Section 180-55, Paragraph C 30 of the Zoning Ordinances, which would allow for the construction of a trucking terminal at the premises identified as LOTS 6 & 7, MOYLAN LANE.

By order of the Board of Appeals,
Ronald A. Hebert
Chairman

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Fire Wise

Lethal Weapons - Matches & Lighters

by Fire Chief David Pisano

Every year, several hundred children are killed as a result of their own actions. They die in fires which they started with matches or lighters that were left within the reach of their small hands.

Children are fascinated with fire. Many of the children who start fires are simply playing with matches or lighters out of curiosity. In some cases, they are imitating Mom or Dad without knowing how dangerous a match or lighter can be.

These lethal weapons should ALWAYS be kept on a high shelf out of reach of the children. If you have smokers in the house, they should take extra precautions to keep lighters and matches out of

children's hands.

The Agawam Fire Department encourages you to take time to teach your children that a match is a tool, not a toy. Adults use these tools for specific purposes: to light a stove, candle, or campfire. Teach them to tell you of another grown-up if they find matches or a lighter.

The majority of fires that are started by children aren't intentional. They are preventable accidents ... If we do our part to keep these lethal weapons out of children's hands.

For additional information, contact the Agawam Fire Department at 786-2662.

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Families

"Bowl For Fun" Group Formed At Agawam Senior Ctr.

"Bowl For Fun" is a newly-formed group, a pilot satellite activity under the direction of Activities Director Sandra Smith of the Agawam Senior Center, and has quite a few seniors in the "swing of things." The group meets every Monday at the new Games & Lanes 10-pin bowl on Walnut Street Extension; sign-in time is at 4:45 p.m., and bowling starts at 5:00 p.m.

There is no obligation in joining this activity. If you are having fun, you stay; and, if it is something you can't do, you are not obligated. However, there is an alternative...

On Thursdays at 1:00 p.m., there is another "Bowl For Fun" group at the Agawam Bowl (across the street from Games & Lanes) under the direction of Frank Paradiso and Rita Matys.

If you are interested in either of these fun groups, please call the Agawam Senior Center Activities Department at 786-0400, extension 242.

Sidewalk Drawing Contest To Be Held At Harvest Days

Students between the ages of six and 17 are invited to participate in a sidewalk drawing contest to be held during Heritage Hall Nursing and Rehabilitation Center's Harvest Day Festival—Sunday, October 16th, from 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.

The actual contest will be from 11:00 a.m. to 1:30 p.m., with prizes to be presented at 2:00 p.m. Amateur artists will have a sidewalk block to create their own chalk design. Cash prizes will be given according to age: six to nine, 10 to 13, and 14 to 17.

For information or to sign up, contact Brenda Marsian at 786-8000.

Airman Shouse Grad Of Basic Training

Air Force Airman Kurt V. Shouse has graduated from Air Force basic training at Lackland Air Force Base, San Antonio, Texas.

During the six weeks of training, the airman studied the Air Force mission, organization, and customs and received special training in human relations.

In addition, airmen who complete basic training earn credits toward an associate degree through the Community College of the Air Force.

Shouse is the son of Dana L. Shouse of 227 Maple St., Agawam.

He is a 1992 graduate of Agawam High School.



TEN PIN BOWLERS from the Agawam Senior Center at the new GAMES AND LANES on Walnut Street Extension include Joyce Bickford, Lil Chechile, Chet Comins, Bill Cote, Hal Deyo, Ann Eddy, Desiree Jacobs, Rita Matys, Charles Rascona, Millie Rumsey, Sandra Smith, and Jim Turner. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

Cub Pack 75 Of Sacred Heart Church Recruiting New Members For 1994-95

Cub Scout Pack 75, sponsored by Sacred Heart Church, Feeding Hills, is now recruiting new members to join the pack, Tuesday, September 13th and Thursday, September 15th from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m.

First grade, Tiger Cubs; second grade, Wolf; third grade, Bear; fourth grade, first year Webelos; fifth grade, second year Webelos.

Law Of The Pack

The Cub Scout follows Akela
The Cub Scout helps the Pack go
The Pack helps the Cub Scout grow
The Cub Scout gives goodwill

Who is Akela? (say AH-Kay-la.) Akela is the Webelos Scout name for a good leader. Tiger Cub, Wolf, Bear Den, and Webelos leaders are also Akela's. The Cubmaster who is in charge of the Pack is also Akela.

Your parents, teachers, Den chiefs, or anyone who is a good leader. Good leaders first learn to follow. Follow your leaders and follow Akela.

When you become a Cub Scout or Webelos Scout, you are no longer just a boy. You are a new member of a Den and a Pack. Now you think of your fellow Scouts, not just yourself. You are a team.

"The Cub Scout Helps The Pack Go" by attending all meetings, following your leaders, and by making your Pack better in every way because you are in it.

"The Pack Helps The Cub Scout Grow." When you're in a Den, you will like the idea of working on all the badges and arrow points while a Wolf or

Bear, then in Webelos, you also work on badges, and activity pins.

All these will help you to learn new skills and also new ways of doing things. The highest award you can earn is the Arrow of Light while a Webelos Scout. This award helps to prepare you for Boy Scouting.

"The Cub Scout Gives Goodwill." Goodwill means kindness and cheerfulness. You are always looking for ways to help other people. When you help others, even with little things, you are showing good will.

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Tiger Cubs - You work together with your adult partner, in a group. You have your own special program to follow. Each time you meet, a different parent is in charge of that meeting. Your motto is "Search - Discover - Share."

This is a good program to start Scouting. It will also help you prepare for Cub Scouting.

With all levels of Scouting, there are Pack events during the year, and also in the District and Council.

Mom's, dad's and son's, what do you say, come and join Pack 75 today. Call 786-2309. If no answer, leave message.

School night registration will also be Tuesday, September 13th and Thursday, September 15th at Sacred Heart Social Center, Springfield Street, Feeding Hills, from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m.

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LAURA L. DUNN

Laura L. Dunn To Wed Peter F. Rakauskas

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Dunn of Agawam announce the engagement of their daughter, Laura Lynn Dunn, to Peter Francis Rakauskas, son of Mr. and Mrs. Peter Rakauskas of Acton, Massachusetts.

Laura is a Clinical Specialist for Siemens Medical Systems, Ultrasound Group, and Peter is a Vascular Ultrasound Specialist at a Boston area hospital.

An October 1, 1994 wedding is planned.

Nancy Rainbow Shaer To Be Special Guest Of Ag. Garden Club

The Agawam Garden Club will meet September 13th at 7:30 p.m. at the Captain Charles Leonard House, Main Street, Agawam. The program will feature Nancy 'Rainbow N S' Shaer, master gardener/master herbalist, author/illustrator/herbalist/photographer.

People call her Medicine Woman and Earth Mother because she is so balanced and centered with all of nature. With her curly, light brown hair and hazel eyes, Shaer, or Rainbow as she is called, is hardly the usual picture of an American Indian.

That's the legacy of her Irish mother. Her father was a Cherokee from North Carolina. Both her Cherokee and Irish grandmothers were strong medicine women who taught her mother and her the ways of plants as food and medicine.

Shaer is the founder and president of Eclectical Service League (a non-profit organization) which published the cookbook *Easy & Elegant*, including celebrities and restaurants of distinction (sponsored by the Agawam Lions with proceeds used for community projects for both handicapped/non-handicapped together).

She was inventor of the Serendipity Wishing Box® (dealing with metaphysics) and her most recent books, *Billy Frog Adventures - Spiritual Wisdom Of A Native American*, supported in part by a grant from the Agawam Arts and Humanities Council, and *Rainbow's Philosophy*.

For the past 16 years, she has been sharing with the public, through talks and other programs, the spirit of her Cherokee heritage, a heritage based on community and respect for the earth and all its creatures.

This evening, she will share the story of the drum, drumming, and singing and will even tell us how this can keep us healthy!

The public is invited. Join the club members for an evening of fun and laughter as well as a new learning experience about our Native people today.

Refreshments will be served.

For further information, contact Denise Carmody, Garden Club president, at 786-7783.

Welcome Wagon Seeks New Members

Interesting monthly meetings, ladies' nights out, and couples' activities are just a few of the reasons area women have become interested in the Welcome Wagon Club of Agawam & West Springfield.

Started four years ago by three women new to the area, it soon became apparent that new mothers, and even some longtime residents, were also in need of opportunities for socialization and some civic service.

The Club is once again becoming active after a brief summer hiatus, starting with the September 13th monthly meeting at 7:30 p.m. at Mittineague Congregational Church, Route 20, West Springfield.

Interested women are always welcome to join or simply to attend a meeting to find out more about the Club. For a free ride to your first meeting, call Virginia Ventulett at 789-3099.

Carol Whitehead Surprised With 50th Birthday Party

My oh my ... Carol "Sudsy" Whitehead is 50! On Friday, September 2nd, Carol's husband, Wally, surprised her by inviting close to 100 friends to his home. Needless to say, "Sudsy" had no inkling regarding "The Party."

Bob Harkins and his "crew" prepared a delicious smorgasbord, and (of course) plenty of good cheer was available.

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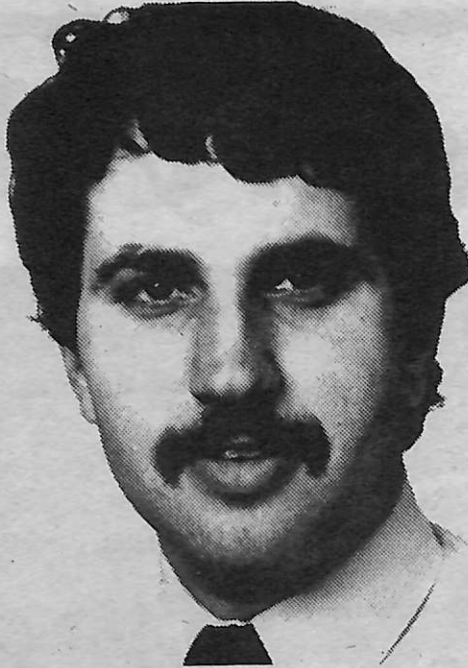
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Springfield Public Forum's 59th Season To Open Sept. 21st At Symphony Hall

The 59th season of the Springfield Public Forum Series of free celebrity lectures will open Wednesday, September 21, 1994 at Symphony Hall in downtown Springfield. Seven distinguished newsmakers will comprise this season's series of lecturers.

By popular request, Paul Duke, along with his "Washington Week in Review" team of Thomas Friedman and Gwen Ifill of *The New York Times*, will launch the series at 7:30 p.m. on Wednesday, September 21st. This represents a time change from the traditional 8:00 p.m. start, and this is being undertaken on a trial basis for the entire 1994 season in response to frequent public requests.

On Tuesday, October 4, 1994, financial analyst Frank Capiello will appear, co-sponsored by Shawmut Bank. On Tuesday, October 18, 1994, the Springfield Public Forum will feature basketball great Bill Walton, the star of two NBA championship-winning teams, under co-sponsorship with Springfield's Peachbasket Classic/Starter Tipoff.

On Wednesday, October 26, 1994, the many-faceted poet/writer Maya Angelou will appear in "An Evening with Maya Angelou," co-sponsored with Tambrands, Inc. The series will conclude Wednesday, November 8, 1994, with celebrity pediatrician Dr. T. Barry Brazelton speaking under the joint auspices of the Forum and Baystate Medical Center.

Paul Duke will return from his year-long sabbatical in England for this, his sixth Public Forum appearance. He will be accompanied by Thomas Friedman, distinguished Pulitzer Prize-winning senior correspondent of *The New York Times*, and Gwen Ifill, also of the *Times* and a 1973 graduate of Springfield's Classical High School.

Paul Duke is a senior commentator for public broadcasting. For the past 20 years, he was moderator of "Washington Week in Review," the longest-running news program on PBS and winner

of the prestigious DuPont-Columbia Award as television's outstanding public affairs program. He is currently spending a year abroad, living in London and doing special commentaries and broadcasts from there and elsewhere in Europe.

Thomas Friedman is the Chief White House Correspondent for *The New York Times* and the winner of two Pulitzer Prizes. Previously, he was the *Times's* Chief Diplomatic correspondent. Before coming to Washington, Friedman spent a number of years covering the Middle East, first as the *Times's* Beirut Bureau Chief and later as Bureau Chief in Jerusalem. His book about his experiences in the Middle East, entitled "From Beirut to Jerusalem," published in 1989, was a best-seller in both hardcover and paperback.

Gwen Ifill earned a B.A. degree from Simmons College in Boston in 1977 following graduation from Classical High School. From 1977 to 1981, she was a general assignment and education reporter for the *Boston Herald American*. Stints followed as a government reporter at the *Baltimore Evening Sun* and as a reporter at the *Washington Post* from 1984 to 1991. She then joined *The New York Times* as a correspondent in the Washington Bureau.

Financial Analyst Frank Capiello is known to many for his frequent appearances on the PBS program "Wall Street Week with Louis Rukeyser." An expert on the national economy as well as investments, he is president of an investment counseling firm, McCullough Andrews and Capiello, Inc., that provides asset management to individual and institutional investors with assets totaling more than one-billion dollars. The October 4, 1994 engagement will mark his third Public Forum appearance.

The name Bill Walton is associated with the fiery young man who led UCLA to two NCAA championship titles and with the dynamic pro athlete who played a powerful role on two NBA

championship teams, the Portland Trailblazers and the Boston Celtics. Today, he is recognized as a speaker, television sports analyst, and writer whose book, "Nothing but Net," was published earlier this year. He will discuss "Ethics in Sports Today."

Maya Angelou, one of the great voices of contemporary literature, is a remarkable Renaissance woman who is recognized as a poet, educator, historian, civil rights activist, playwright, producer, composer, and best-selling author. The recording of her poem written for the inauguration of President Clinton won a Grammy earlier this year, the most recent of awards and honors in many fields.

Dr. T. Barry Brazelton, distinguished pediatrician, widely known for his best-selling books on child care as well as for his frequent radio and television programs, will discuss "Stress and Supports for Families in the 90's" as the concluding lecturer of the 1994 season.

All lectures are open to the public without charge. They are made possible on a free basis by co-sponsorships with educational and corporate institutions, program advertising, and series memberships.

Memberships start at \$10 and entitle the holder to meet the speakers at receptions in the Mahogany Room of Symphony Hall. A special patron membership is available at \$50, which includes an invitation to attend dinners on a cost-basis that honor the speakers.

While ample parking will be available to all within I-91 South Garage, those with memberships of \$50 and up will be given passes enabling them to park at no charge. All memberships are tax-deductible and may be obtained by writing the Springfield Public Forum Series at 52 Smithfield Court, Springfield, MA 01108.

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Marie L. Tourville Bride Of Paul E. Fini

Sacred Heart Church in Feeding Hills was the setting for the July 23, 1994 wedding of Marie Louise Tourville and Paul Edward Fini. The bride is the daughter of Thomas and Joanne Tourville of Feeding Hills.

Parents of the bridegroom are Albert and Marilyn Fini of East Longmeadow.

Larissa Landry attended the bride as maid-of-honor. Richard Kostanski served as best man to the bridegroom. Sarah Tourville (daughter of the bride) was the flower girl. Bridesmaids and ushers were Elizabeth Wise and Brian Kostanski, Cherie Dubois and Christopher Tourville, Jill and Robert Harnish, and Maureen and Mark Weiner.

The bride graduated from Agawam High School and Springfield Technical Community College. She is currently employed as a secretary by Allard, Allard, Triggs & Co., P.C. in Springfield.

Her husband graduated from East Longmeadow High School and DuPage Horticultural School in West Chicago. He is president of Fini's Plant Farm in Agawam.

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TOWN OF AGAWAM PLANNING BOARD

The Agawam Planning Board will hold a Public Hearing on Thursday, September 15, 1994 at 7:15 PM in the Faolin Peirce Community Room, Agawam Police Station, 681 Springfield Street, Agawam, MA. The purpose of this hearing will be to hear the petition of the Agawam Planning Board to amend the Code of the Town of Agawam, Chapter 180, Article X, Section 180-60B and Chapter 180, Article XI, Section 180-66D. A copy of the proposed amendment can be viewed or obtained from the Agawam Planning Office, 36 Main Street, Agawam, MA.

By Order of the Agawam Planning Board
Charles Calabrese, Chairman

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Wednesday, September 14th: Baked chicken leg, sweet potato, peas, whole wheat bread, apple-

sauce with raisins.

Thursday, September 15th: Beef Wellington, mashed potatoes, carrot coins, pumpkin bread, canned peaches.

Friday, September 16th: Cold plate—tuna fish salad, pasta salad, cucumber & tomato salad, jello with fruit.

(Menu subject to change without notice.)

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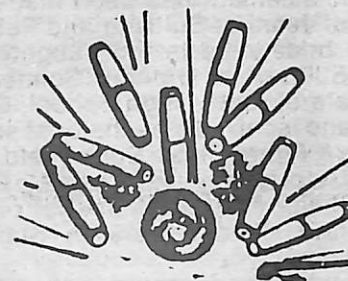
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85th Birthday For Frank Chriscola



WELL-KNOWN Agawam resident Frank Chriscola (seated), a long-time member of Agawam UNICO, was honored at the club's Annual Chicken BBQ at the Polish Club with a cake, presented by UNICO President Terry Letellier (left). Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.



JENNIFER SULLIVAN & PETER SARACINO

Jennifer Sullivan To Wed Mr. Saracino

Announcement has been made of the engagement of Jennifer Sullivan and Peter Saracino. The bride-to-be is the daughter of Mr. & Mrs. John Sullivan of Orange, Connecticut. She is a graduate of Amity High School, Orange, Connecticut, and received a bachelor of science degree in Health & Fitness from Springfield College in 1991. She is currently employed by Pro Fitness, Inc. as a Senior Program Manager of Walden Books Corporate Headquarters in Stamford, Connecticut. The future bridegroom is the son of Mr. & Mrs. Ray Saracino of Westfield, formerly of Agawam. He is a graduate of Agawam High School and received a bachelor of science degree in Health & Fitness from Springfield College in 1991. He is currently employed by Lawson Products, Inc. of Chicago, Illinois as an Independent Sales Agent in Connecticut. The couple plan a June wedding.

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Grandparents are Joseph and Clare Picciuto of North Reading, Massachusetts, and Robert and Elaine Watson of Agawam.

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Parents' Group Of Work Opportunity Ctr. To Hold Tag Sale

The annual tag sale sponsored by the Parents' Group of the Work Opportunity Center will be held on Saturday, September 10th, from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., next to Starzic's Pride Service Station, 1672 Memorial Avenue, West Springfield. (Rain date is Sunday, September 11th.)

Any donations of good, saleable items will be gladly accepted, as well as any leftover tag sale items. Call 732-4625, 569-6235, or 1-413-357-8557.

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THE BIG E Has Spectacular Opening Day Set

Opening day of "New England's Great State Fair," September 16th, is bursting with exciting events, amazing attractions and spectacular entertainment to entice fairgoers of all ages. The 73rd edition of The Big E takes place September 16th-October 2nd and is now a 17-day event.

For the first time in over 20 years, The Big E will host a grand, booming display of fireworks at 9:30 p.m. This spectacular display will light up the night sky over the 175-acre facility.

The White House Replica, sponsored by Big Y SuperMarkets, is The Big E's premier exhibit this year. Spanning an impressive 60-feet in length, this exact replica of the Clinton White House shows minute details, right down to "Socks," the cat. The chandeliers light by wall switches, chimneys smoke, and tapestries and rugs are made from the same materials as their "real" counterparts.

Don't miss the first day of this unique and spectacular exhibit. Watch for a special "presidential" appearance September 16th-17th in the New England Center.

Jimmy Sturr, "The Polka King," six-time Grammy award-winning native of Springfield, Mass., is sure to "sturr" up some excitement on the Miller Genuine Draft Stage, as he and his orchestra perform smashing polka hits at 2:00 and 7:30 p.m.

"Leader of the Pack" since the sixties, **The Shangri-Las** will perform on the Miller Genuine Draft Stage at noon and 4:00 p.m.

The slapstick comedy of **Disorderly Conduct** will keep fairgoers laughing at the State Gazebo on Storowton Village Green. Three shows will be held daily September 16th-25th at 1:00, 3:00, and 5:00 p.m.

The Giant Pumpkin and Squash Contest and Best Decorated Pumpkin Contest, sponsored by **New Milford Farms**, will take place at 10:00 a.m. in the Mallory Complex. Cash prizes for adults and savings bonds, ribbons and bowls for youths will be awarded to those with the biggest pumpkins and squash and best decorated pumpkins.

The "Really Big" Pumpkin Weigh-In, for pumpkins of over 400 pounds, takes place September 23rd in Mallory Complex. Top 10 entries will be on display in the New Milford Farms exhibit in Farm-A-Rama throughout The Big E.

September 16th is also **West Springfield Day** at The Big E. The Big E honors its hometown with a luncheon for West Springfield dignitaries and free afterschool admission for children. Officials and dignitaries will also march in the Daily Parade at 4:30 p.m.

Many other spectacular events will take place beginning on September 16th and throughout The Big E. The **Pirates of the Caribbean High Dive Show**, sponsored by **Milk Promotion Services**, takes place four times daily at Noon, 2:00, 3:30 and 6:30 p.m. on the Milky Way; **Jolie Chitwood's Thrill Show**, sponsored by **Foxwoods Resort Casino**, takes place September 16th-25th in the Outdoor Arena at 3:30 and 7:00 p.m. with an additional 1:00 p.m. show Saturdays.

The Big E Circus, under the Big Top, sponsored by **Coca-Cola**, takes place daily at 1:00, 4:00 and 7:00 p.m. under the big top tent located near the Giant Slide and **The Big E Daily Parade** steps off at 4:30 p.m. each day.

Fairgoers are invited to celebrate opening day and every day full of spectacular sights and sounds at the 73rd edition of The Big E in West Springfield, September 16th-October 2nd.

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JACK SARAT, SR. (seated), who has owned and operated Sarat Ford Sales, Inc., of Agawam for 65 years, celebrated his 90th birthday party surrounded by family members at Storowton Tavern on Monday, August 29th.

"Agawam Day" To Be Celebrated At THE BIG E On Friday, September 23rd

The Big E celebrates Agawam Day, September 23rd on the grounds of Eastern States Exposition in West Springfield, Massachusetts.

Big E President Wayne McCary will host a luncheon for Agawam officials and dignitaries on September 23rd, and a "Friend of The Big E" award will be presented to an Agawam citizen.

Agawam officials, citizens, and VIP's will also march in The Big E Daily Parade at 4:30 p.m., along with the Agawam High School Marching Band making a special appearance.

To celebrate Agawam Day at "New England's Great State Fair," schoolchildren will receive free admission to The Big E after school hours on September 23rd.

Many other entertainers and exhibits will be featured as well on Agawam Day, September 23rd.

Danny Gans, impersonator and comedian, will entertain on the Miller Genuine Draft Stage at 2:00 and 7:30 p.m., and the Contours will perform their chart-topping hits from the sixties at 12:00 noon and 4:00 p.m. The White House Replica, this year's premier exhibit, sponsored by Big Y Supermarkets, will be on display in the New England Center throughout the 17-day fair.

The Pirates of the Caribbean High Dive Show takes place four times daily at 12:00 noon, 2:00, 3:30, and 6:30 p.m. on the Milky Way, located near the New Hampshire building. Jolie Chitwood's Thrill Show will take place in the Outdoor Arena daily at 3:30 and 7:30 p.m., with an additional 1:00 p.m. show scheduled for Saturdays.

The slapstick comedy of Disorderly Conduct will fill fairgoers with glee at the State Line Gazebo at 1:00, 3:00, and 5:00 p.m. The 4-H Horse Show will take place from September 23rd through 25th.

Children of all ages will flock to Commerford's Petting Zoo every day, located at Gate 7 and in its new location in Mallory Plaza. Fairgoers may learn fun facts about livestock and agriculture by taking a Barn Tour, sponsored by Freihofer's. Tours leave continuously from under the rotunda of the Mallory Complex.

Celebrate Agawam Day and enjoy the many other sights and sounds of the 73rd edition of The Big E, on the grounds of Eastern States Exposition in West Springfield, Massachusetts, September 16 through October 2, 1994.

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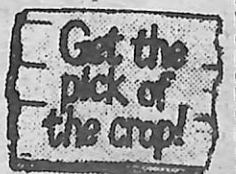
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Church News

Catholic Women To Open 58th Season

The Catholic Women's Club of Agawam will open its 58th season on Monday evening, September 12th at 8:00 p.m. in the Parish Center of St. John the Evangelist Church, 833 Main St., Agawam with a Silver Tea.

Featured speaker for the evening will be Nancy Dell, Registered Dietitian and owner of Food for Thought Communications. Her nutrition news segment airs locally on NewsCenter 22 and several other stations nationwide. Her topic will be "Balancing Your Fat Budget."

Lillian Doyle, Hospitality Chairperson for the year, will be assisted in the preparation and serving for the Silver Tea by Denise Burnet, Claire Barry, Aura Craig, Joan Shuman, Edna LaFleur, Paula Raiche, Rita Allen, Ruth Martone, and Ann Sorel.

President Beverly Boudreau extends an invitation to anyone wishing to learn about the club, or anyone wishing to hear Nancy Dell, to please come.

"Getting It Right" At F.H. Congo Church

Reverend Dolandson will give a sermon this Sunday at Feeding Hills Congregational Church entitled, "Getting It Right." This is also Open Pantry Sunday and Sunday School Rally Day.

Join us if you can at 10:00 a.m.

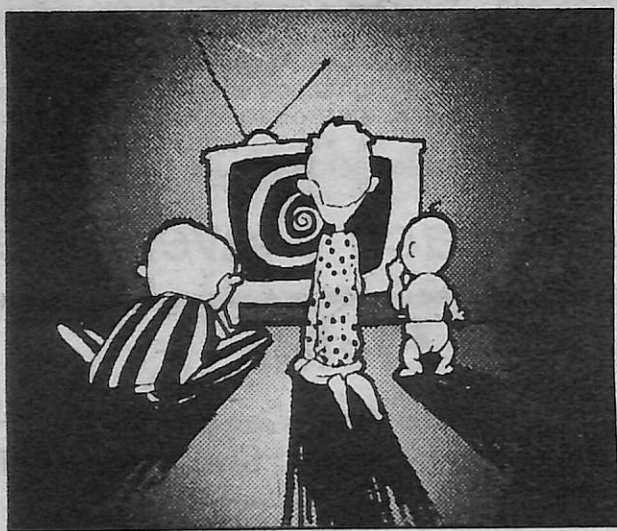
The Big E Committee will meet on Saturday, September 10th at 6:00 p.m. to move equipment for The Big E.

The Cub Scouts will hold a sign-up night at the church on Thursday, September 15th from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m.

Committee meetings this week:

Trustees meet September 12th at 7:30 p.m.

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THE AGAWAM CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH celebrates its 175th anniversary on September 9th, 10th, and 11th. The 175th Anniversary Committee has been making plans for the upcoming events for over a year. Some of the special events include a music night with a hymn sing, a carnival, a dinner, and special worship services. Back row - Betty Fogg, Eleanor King, and Clint Warren. Front row - Carol Allen, Grace Tilden, and Eleanor Toussaint. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

More Historical Tid-Bits On 175th Anniversary Of The Agawam Congregational Church

More history on the Agawam Congregational Church, celebrating its 175th Anniversary September 9th, 10th, 11th, and 18th, 1994:

The Merriwed Group of young married people (grandparents were ineligible) was organized in 1937, meeting monthly as a social group. Before long, however, they had put their collective shoulder to the wheel, and ever since their projects have been many and varied.

Some projects have been church suppers, craft fairs, Christmas tree sales, auctions, and rum-

mage sales. In this group were the many, many who gave hundreds of man-hours of labor during the building of the Parish House and also, collectively and individually, gave as much in financial support.

They have their charities, too. Their meetings have included speakers on serious subjects as well as merely entertaining features. The present day Merriweds Troupe includes members from Agawam Congregational Church as well as other churches and continues to flourish.

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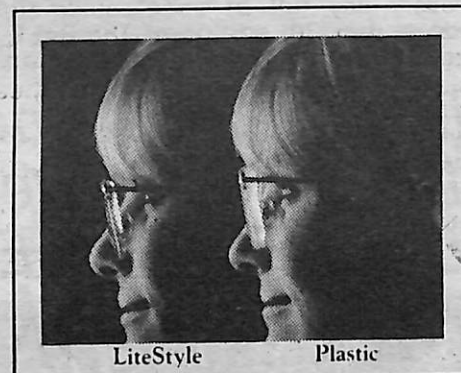
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Ag. Congregational's Calendar Of Events

This Sunday, September 11th, there will be two Special Services at 9:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. to celebrate the 175th Anniversary.

Rev. Fuller's Sermon for these two services will be "THIS IS THE DAY THE LORD HAS MADE; LET US REJOICE AND BE GLAD IN IT!"

Our Sanctuary Choir will begin their fall season with two special anthems. The Children's Choir will offer their voices in celebration as well, with a special song.

Plan on celebrating with us at one or both services.

Join us on September 18th, as we continue our 175th Celebration at 10:30 a.m. when we resume our fall schedule at 10:30 a.m. with Church School at 9:15 a.m. for seventh through 12 grade and adults, and at 10:30 a.m. for Crib Room through sixth grade.

"Christian Basics," a Primer for Pilgrims, continues at 9:15 a.m. on Sunday, September 18th. The author and theologian Dr. Gabe Fackre will be our guest at the class and our Guest Preacher that morning.

Our church's 175th Anniversary is September 9th, 10th, 11th, and 18th.

The celebration begins on Friday, September 9th, with a Music Festival, which will include a Hymn Sing, the Golden Bell Ringers and Junior Choir, and an Anniversary Dance with music from the times.

On Saturday, September 10th, we will have a Parade and Carnival from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. with pony rides, clowns, games, and food. Admission for the Carnival is canned goods for the Open Pantry or elbow macaroni for Loaves & Fishes. There is an Anniversary Dinner that night from 7:30 to 10:30 p.m. Tickets are \$5 and available in the church office; there are only 200 tickets available, so get yours early!

On Sunday, September 11th, there will be two Special Worship Services at 9:00 and 11:00 a.m., and a special coffee hour with an Anniversary Cake.

On Sunday, September 18th, we will have a Guest Preacher for our Worship Service. The Rev. Gabriel Fackre is Abbot Professor of Christian Theology at Andover Newton Theological School. He is also the author of several books, including "Christian Basics, A Primer for Pilgrims" and "The Christian Story." All are welcome to attend this special service.

Chicken Dinner At Swk. United Methodist

Christ Church United Methodist, 222 College Highway, will hold a public stuffed chicken breast dinner on Sunday, September 11th, from 12:00 noon to 1:00 p.m.

The suggested donation is \$7 for adults, and \$3.75 for children under 12.

Reservations may be made by calling (413) 569-5578 or (413) 569-6311.

Valley Community Joins National Asso.

Valley Community Church is very pleased to announce its membership into the National Association of Congregational Christian Churches, effective June 27, 1994.

Valley Community, as a church, is excited to become one of the 400 churches involved in this Association.

CORRECTION: Westfield Savings Bank

In our September 1st edition, we incorrectly published the APR RATE on an ad run by Westfield Savings Bank "FOR FIRST TIME HOME BUYERS..." The rate should be 7.00% ,as listed in the bank's display ad on this page. We deeply regret this error and any inconvenience it caused Westfield Savings Bank or its customers.

Valley Community Church Back At THE BIG E With Food Concession

Valley Community Church will be returning to The Big E again this year.

This year its food concession will be located in the new Food Court Pavilion, which is directly behind the Young Building and right next to Kidland.

It will be opened at 8:00 a.m. when the gates open and close at 7:00 p.m. Valley Community Church will again be serving a full breakfast including eggs, pancakes, bacon, sausage, ham, homefries, muffins, juice, and coffee.

The lunch menu consists of various sand-

wiches along with hamburgs, hot dogs, kraut dogs, and chili dogs. Full dinners will be served beginning at 4:00 p.m. including turkey, roast beef, baked ravioli, and baked beans and franks.

So take a stop by while you're enjoying The Big E. Each customer is guaranteed a genuine smile and look at true Christian fellowship at work.

REMINDER: Valley Community Church's monthly suppers resume on October 2nd with an Italian menu. Watch for upcoming announcements.

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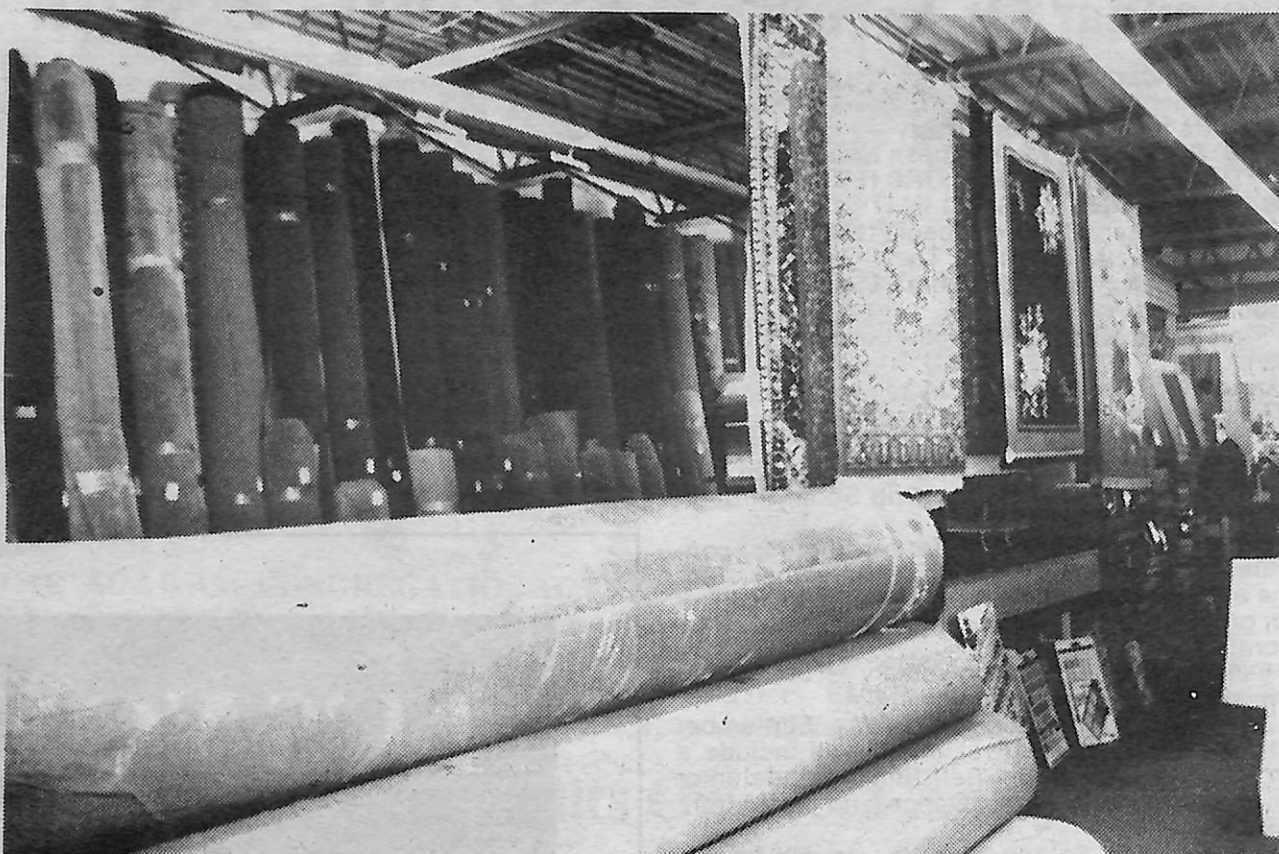
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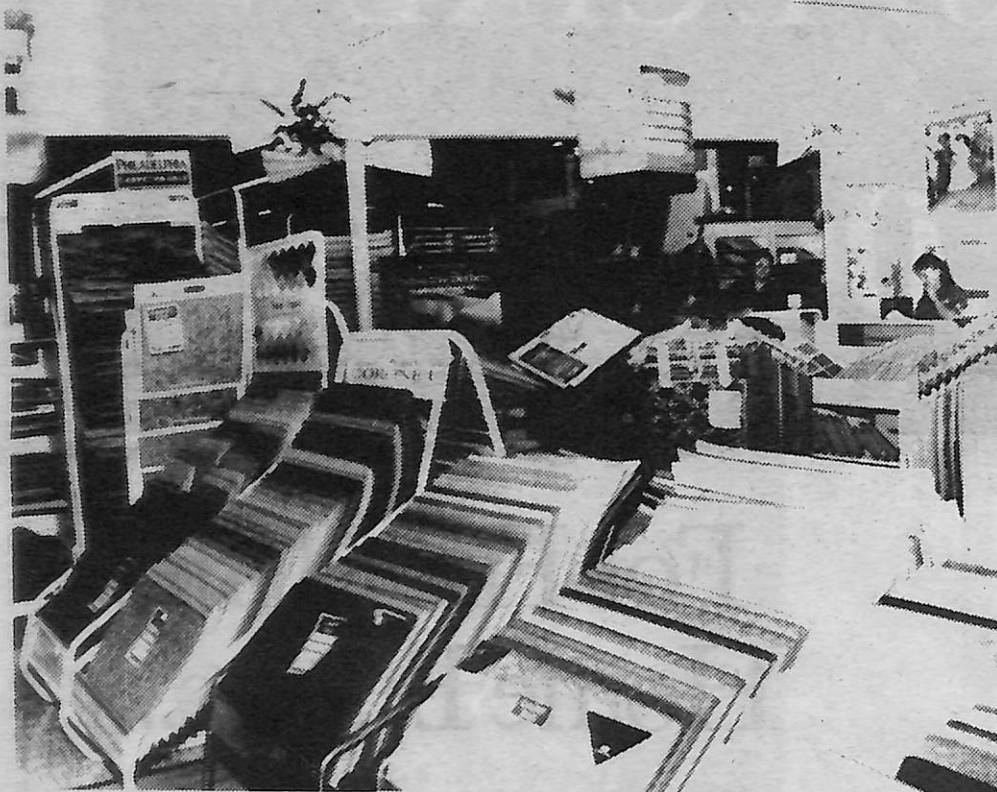
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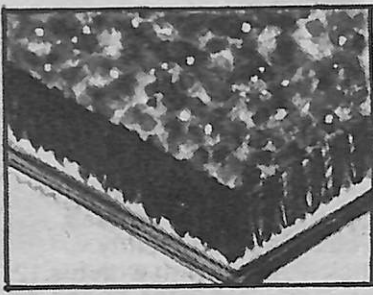
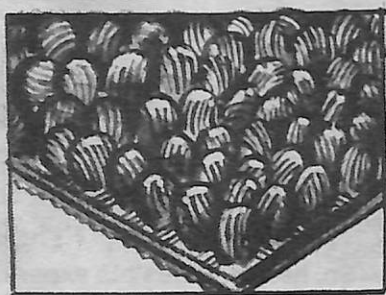
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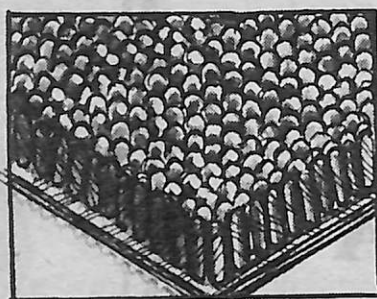
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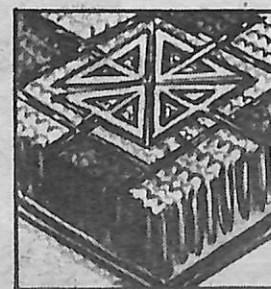
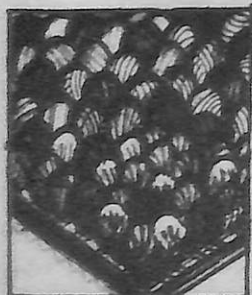
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Spotlight On Business - continued...

GAMES & LANES Spruces Up With Decorative Murals

by Peggy Shoemaker
Advertiser News Feature Writer

Two large murals on the walls of the party room of the new **GAMES AND LANES** athletic recreation center, 350 Walnut St. Extension, Agawam, are from Disney films, "The Lion King," and "Aladdin." The artist is 15 year-old Nicholas McNally of Marsden Street, Springfield, and this is his first commercial project.

Done in bright, beautiful colors with latex paint, Simba the Lion King sits regally surrounded by his animal friends looking out on the party scene. While on another wall, a huge, blue Genie floats upward from Aladdin's magic lamp. A red picket fence is in front of the murals to protect them from partygoers.

This room is just one of the many exciting facets of the 36,000 square foot **GAMES AND LANES**, and it holds 125 persons so that more than one party can be accommodated at a time. The 16 bowling alleys opened to leagues and the public in August, but much construction is going on and a public open house is planned for early November.

In an effort to finish the murals before school took his attention, Nicholas worked on the holiday weekend. A tall, good-looking young man, Nicholas started 10th grade this week at Central High School after completing ninth grade at Central Academy, the former Van Sickle Junior High School. Nicholas said that he liked to draw and paint since he was little. His parents have accommodated this interest by buying his paints and lately by driving him to Agawam for his first commercial job.

Nick decorated the wall on the front of the family garage with a life-size painting of basketball player Larry Johnson of the Charlotte Hornets (performing a slam-dunk right into the family basketball hoop).

Two years ago when Nick was 13 and his sister, Megan, was five, she wanted murals on her bedroom walls of "Beauty and the Beast" and "Aladdin's" Genie. Their parents let Nick paint them. Last year, he designed and painted the Lion King design on a wall of the family garage. A neighbor reported it to *The Springfield Newspapers* and a photograph of Nick's work appeared in the newspaper.

Saw Newspaper Photo

Bob Brunelle, owner of **GAMES AND LANES**, saw the newspaper photo and contacted Tom and Nancy McNally, who gave permission for their son to do the Agawam murals. It worked out well, Nick said, with his mother driving him to Agawam several times a week to paint. He said he has had



SPRINGFIELD RESIDENT NICHOLAS MCNALLY paints a scene from "The Lion King" in a room being reserved for birthday parties at the new **GAMES AND LANES** athletic and recreation facility on Walnut St. Extension. Looking on is owner and operator Bob Brunelle.

Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

several other companies show interest in having him paint. The young artist's work is also appropriate for such a youth-oriented facility.

Besides painting, Nick likes to swim with his 12 year-old brother, Mike, and next year hopes to play soccer at high school. He thinks he will become an artist but is also interested in acting and theater. No plans for college have yet been made, he said.

Bob Brunelle, who lives on Brunelle St. in Ludlow, has combined his love of children and sports in forming the **GAMES AND LANES RECREATION CENTER**. Growing up in Springfield, he said he spent much time at the Boys' Club, went to their camp, and was a camp counselor. He believes a kid needs a place to go that has sport activities. Bob is also a 37-year official for high school and college softball.

After working for 33 years, four of them as a supervisor for the Bowling Corp. of America, and 18 years with American Machine and Foundry as regional supervisor for 13 bowling centers in New England, he felt it was time to become an entrepreneur.

"There are some things a chain can do well and some things an individual entrepreneur can do best," he said.

So, he combines his experience in both areas in his new establishment. "My dream has been to own my own business," Bob said, "where I would have independence and flexibility."

Working part-time at **GAMES AND LANES** are Bob's daughter, Beth Ann, who is a junior in accounting at Westfield State College, and his son, Chris, a junior in computer science at Westfield State College. Bob & Barbara Brunelle are also parents of Karen Keyes of Ludlow, who works at Baystate Medical Center.

The bowling alley area, that includes the luncheonroom, opened on August 20th and has 16 lanes. Leagues for all ages and the public are accommodated. There are senior leagues at 6:00 p.m. on Monday and 1:00 p.m. on Wednesday, as well as industrial leagues, ladies', men's, and mixed leagues are being formed. Moreover, junior bowlers on Saturdays and Moonlight bowling with cash prizes on Saturday night are also available.

SEE **GAMES & LANES** - Page 28...

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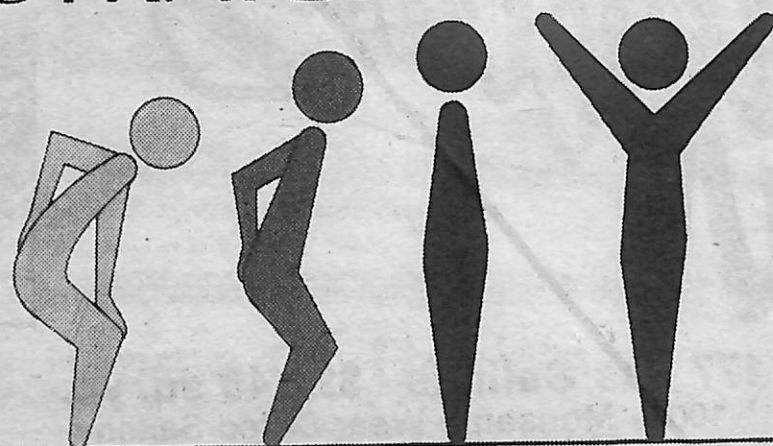
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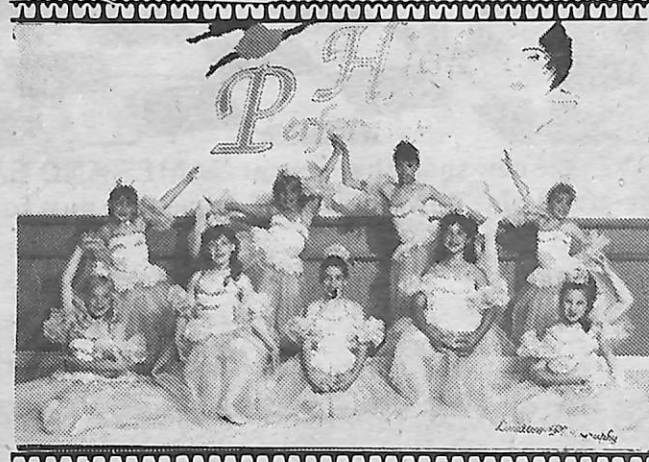
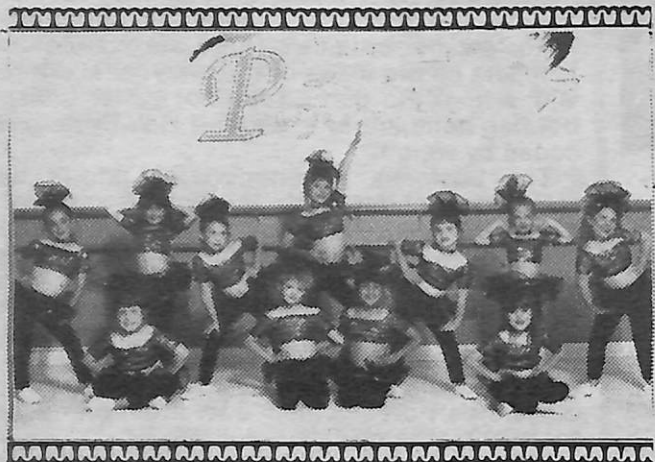


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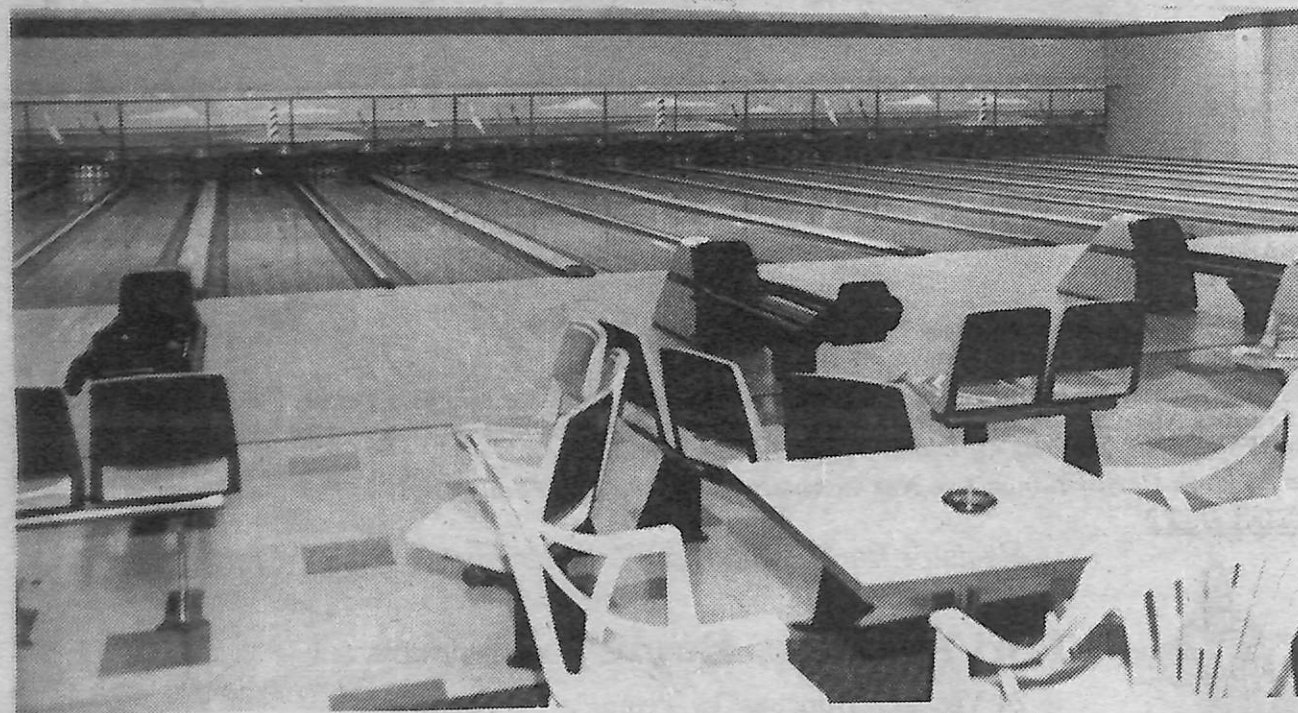
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Spotlight On Business - continued...



ABOVE, the new snack bar area at GAMES AND LANES. BELOW, the facility boasts state-of-the-art 10-pin bowling lanes. Leagues are now forming. Call today. Advertiser News photos by Jack Devine.



GAMES & LANES - from Page 26...

The lunchroom is completed but not yet in full operation. It will feature pizza. "I don't know a kid that doesn't love pizza," Brunelle said. "So we decided to feature that." There will be other snacks and hot and cold drinks.

The entire game complex is 36,000 square feet, Brunelle confirmed. The bowling area is 92 x 140 square feet, the soccer/field hockey area is 7,500 square feet; laser tag is approximately 13,000 square feet with billiards and electric games. Hockey and soccer will share the space at different times.

The bowling lanes are the only ones in Massachusetts made of synthetic instead of wood, Brunelle said. They are made of HPL 5000 synthetic materials that are durable and do not require the maintenance that wood does.

There is full automatic scoring with scores added electronically that appear above each lane. There are also pictures above the lanes that can be changed with seasons. Pictures of sailboats, lighthouses, beaches, and water were used on the holiday weekend.

For smaller children, there are state-of-the-art bumpers on the sides of the alleys that are raised with a hook (so that all are not gutter balls). The bowling balls are of the Smart Ball System (color coded by weight).

The business accommodates adults but is targeted to children six through 13 years of age and there will be a focus on birthday parties. A celebrant will have his/her choice of six themes: bowling, floor hockey, indoor soccer, pizza, laser tag, or game redemption. The latter includes electronic games and ski ball, where one can win tickets for prizes. There will be blackboards and colored chalk in the party room so that up-and-comers can create their own artistic imagery or try to copy the murals.

With the laying of carpet and completion of the soccer/hockey area, the Brunelles look forward to a winter of diversified activities and fun - and watching a dream come true.

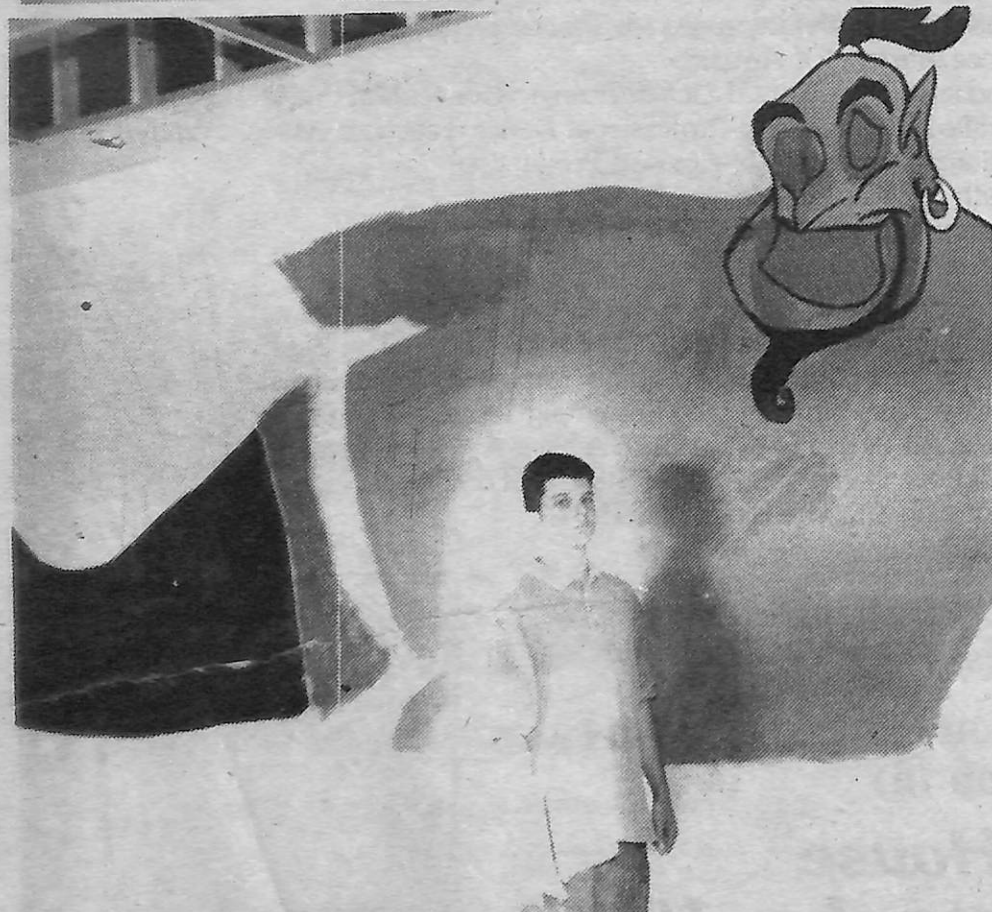
Health Care Products Of Neways On Display

Neways, Inc., manufacturer of dynamic personal and health care products, is providing a free business opportunity meeting, Tuesday, September 13th at 7:30 p.m., to be held at the Polish American Club on Route 57 (Southwick St.), Feeding Hills.

Featured speakers will be Joel Singer, M.D., plastic surgeon and executive distributor with Neways, and Cathy Lok, executive distributor with Neways.

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For more information, contact Scott Rheault at (413) 786-7567 or Kathy Neilsen at (413) 789-4432.



ANOTHER OF THE MURALS done on the wall in the party room at GAMES & LANES on Walnut Street Extension by Nicholas McNally was of the Genie from *Aladdin*. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

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Renting Vs. Owning

Real estate experts agree—now is the time to buy a home. We currently are in one of the most attractive real estate markets for first-time homebuyers in decades.

Home prices in many areas have become more affordable. Interest rates remain relatively low. And, lenders are offering a wide variety of mortgage products that make qualifying for a home even easier.

Yet, many renters are still sitting on the sidelines. Why? Many assume the American dream of home ownership is just that ... a dream. They haven't taken the time to evaluate their personal financial situation or explore the many benefits of homeownership.

Renting may be more convenient and cost-effective in the short term, but history reveals that buying a home may be the wisest financial decision you can make for the long term. Home ownership not only offers many lifestyle advantages, it also provides the opportunity to realize significant tax savings and to build equity.

One of the best reasons to purchase a home is that real estate traditionally has proven to be a great investment, points out Ilyce R. Glink, author of "100 Questions Every First-Time Homebuyer Should Ask."

According to Glink, "Paying down a mortgage offers home owners an enforced savings plan. Every payment into the bank is part mortgage interest and part mortgage principal. That little bit of principal is called home equity, and it adds up over time. When you sell the home, it becomes cash in your pockets."

But, what about making that hefty mortgage payment each month? The fact is that the difference between monthly rent and monthly mortgage payments may not be as great as you think.

Consider this example:

You're renting an apartment for \$600 a month. Over 30 years, you will have paid a total of \$216,000 in rent! At the end of the 30-year period, you will have nothing to show for your "investment."

For comparisons, \$600 would roughly equal the monthly principal and interest payment on an \$80,000, 30-year home loan with a fixed rate of 8.5 percent. And with each payment, you're building equity.

For most first-time homebuyers, the challenge is not making the monthly mortgage payment—it's coming up with the down payment. Today, some lenders are offering mortgage plans that require as little as three percent down. Most offer 95 percent financing.

And, adjustable rate mortgages (with lower introductory interest rates) makes qualifying easier. So, shop around for a loan plan that meets your particular needs.

Not only will you build equity and possibly profit from your home purchase, but you will be eligible for a number of tax benefits. Mortgage interest is still deductible, and homeowners also receive an annual deduction for real estate property taxes.

Moreover, many non-recurring closing costs incurred at the time of purchase are deductible, including the points paid to the lender for originating your mortgage, title fees, recording fees, and other costs.

At tax time, you'll discover just how important these deductions can be. For example, if you earn \$55,000 a year, your taxable income with standard deductions as a renter would be an estimated \$39,400. Based on the purchase of a \$170,000 house with 10 percent down and a 30-year fixed rate mortgage at 8.5 percent, your taxable income would be reduced by an additional \$12,484 to \$26,916. Consult your tax professional for more information about the tax benefits of homeownership with regard to your personal financial situation.

To learn more about the homebuying process and the benefits of homeownership, contact a professional real estate agent. We will help you determine if this is the right time for you to buy a home.

(John Schuler is the broker/owner of CENTURY 21 Newschu Real Estate, Inc., located in Feeding Hills, MA [413-789-1117].)

BIG E To Be Employing Over 3,500 Residents Of Greater Springfield Area During Fair

Nearly 3,500 area residents will be employed by The Big E, the largest fair in the Northeast, making "New England's Great State Fair" the largest temporary employer in the Western Massachusetts area. The 73rd edition of The Big E takes place Sept. 16th-Oct. 2nd.

Joyce Cunningham, principal interviewer for the Massachusetts Department of Employment and Training (D.E.T.), estimates that approximately 1,100 people will be hired for temporary employment directly by D.E.T. for positions as salespersons, cooks, general laborers, wait persons, kitchen help and ride and game attendants in the Magic Midway area.

Prospective employees must be at least 16

years of age to work at The Big E. Applications are being accepted at D.E.T.'s Springfield office at 88 Industry Avenue every weekday from 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Beginning Friday, September 9th and throughout the fair, applications will also be accepted at a special employment trailer set up just outside the Exposition grounds at Gate 8 from 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. (Follow Memorial Avenue to the "Expo Parking" sign and turn onto Circuit Avenue to Gate 8.)

For more information on applying for Big E employment, contact Joyce Cunningham at D.E.T.'s Springfield office by calling (413) 785-5252.

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For Your Health

Forastiere Family Has Monthly Programs For Town's Bereaved

Forastiere's *OPTIONS* ... for a brighter tomorrow, support groups for anyone in the community who is grieving the death of a loved one, are offered every month by the Forastiere Family Funeral Homes.

As an extension of their professional funeral services, the Forastiere's provide several different kinds of support groups to meet the individual needs of the bereaved.

A support group **FOR ANYONE GRIEVING A DEATH** will be held on Wednesday, September 14th, 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. at the Captain Charles Leonard House, 663 Main Street, in Agawam.

A support group **FOR THOSE WHOSE SPOUSE DIED OVER 18 MONTHS AGO** will be held on Wednesday, September 14th, 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at the Captain Charles Leonard House, 663 Main Street, in Agawam. Participants are asked to bring a "brown bag lunch."

A support group **FOR THOSE WHOSE SPOUSE DIED LESS THAN 18 MONTHS AGO** will be held on Wednesday, September 14th, 1:00 to 3:00 p.m. at the same location.

A support group for "Younger Widowed," designed **SOLELY FOR THOSE WHO ARE UNDER 45 YEARS OF AGE**, will be held on Thursday, September 15th, 7:00 to 9:00 p.m., at the First Congregational Church, 7 Somers Road, in East Longmeadow.

A support group **FOR ANYONE WHO HAS LOST A SPOUSE** is available for those who cannot conveniently attend the other groups. It will be held on Tuesday, September 27th, 7:00 to 9:00 p.m., at St. Paul Lutheran Church, 181 Elm Street, in East Longmeadow.

These support groups are on-going, 12 months a year. There is no pre-registration required, nor commitment to attend. Participants need merely to go to any group they choose.

All groups are provided **FREE OF CHARGE** by the Forastiere Family Funeral Homes and are facilitated by Grief Counselor, Lila Forastiere. For further information, call 733-5311.

Program On Dieting Being Sponsored By Agawam Library

On Monday, September 19th, from 9:00 to 10:00 a.m., the Agawam Public Library, in conjunction with the Senior Class of Baystate Medical Center, will present a program called, "The Diet Dilemma: The Fat Cholesterol Solution."

Everyone who is concerned with their health should be educated about the issue of cholesterol and fat intake. With so much information written about the role of dietary fat and cholesterol, this is a wonderful opportunity to come and learn about what would make your diet healthier.

The differences and similarities between saturated and unsaturated fat and cholesterol, and their impact on weight control, will be discussed. Also discussed will be how to read food labels wisely with regard to weight control. The program will be presented by Joan Kirschner, Registered Dietician.

Please call the library to sign up for this program at 789-1550.

Sibling Class At Providence Hospital

The Center for Women's Health at Providence Hospital will conduct its Sibling Class on September 12th, 5:45 to 6:45 p.m., in the Catherine Horan Medical Building, Room 115.

The program, aimed at children ages three through 10, is designed to acclimate big brothers and sisters-to-be to the arrival of a new baby. A professional educator uses storytelling, role-playing, and life-sized dolls, and allows ample time for questions and answers.

The perfect format for preparing children for their new roles, the Sibling Class also introduces children to the Family Birthplace, and helps them feel an important part of the birth event.

Registration is required. For more information, call 539-2950.

Medical Series Offers Options For Back Injuries

NovaCare Outpatient Rehabilitation, Hampden County Chiropractic, and Fitness First will host the first in a series of three special community medical update programs. The first program, "Options for Back Injuries," is scheduled for Tuesday, September 27th, at the Fitness First facility in Feeding Hills.

The 90-minute program will begin at 7:00 p.m. and conclude at 8:30 p.m. Presenters will include Thomas Kaye, M.D., a neurosurgeon; Tami Nelson, D.C., a chiropractor; and Patrick Carley, M.S., a physical therapist. Each will share his or her knowledge and particular expertise on remedies for an aching back.

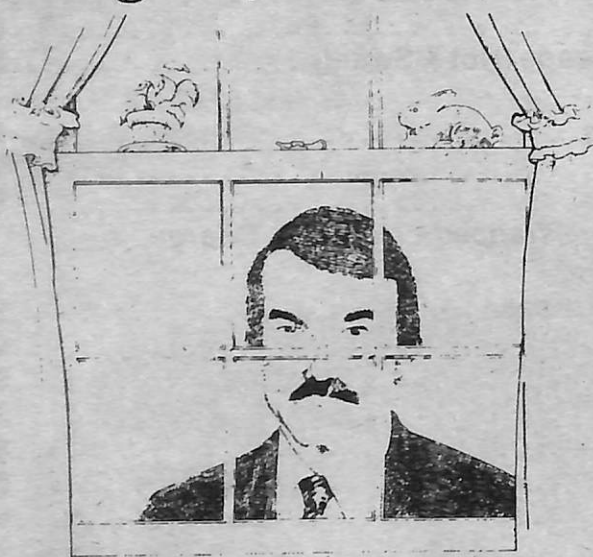
This will be a rare opportunity for back pain sufferers to openly discuss pain management approaches directly with health care professionals. Refreshments will be served during the program. Contact the Fitness First facility to register at (413) 786-1460.

Hampden County Chiropractic, located on Springfield Street in Feeding Hills, is a growing business that has successfully treated many people with back pain. The business is owned and operated by Tami Nelson, D.C.

Fitness First Health and Fitness Center has been in business for nine years, with many of its members enrolled after rehabilitation. The professional staff at Fitness First assesses and assists members with back injuries or back pain through its pre-screening program.

NovaCare, Inc. is the largest provider of contract rehabilitation therapy, outpatient rehabilitation, and orthotic and prosthetic patient care services in the United States. In addition, the company operates 11 acute care rehabilitation hospitals and a number of community re-entry programs. With operations in 42 states, NovaCare's 12,000 employees treat more than 31,000 patients per day.

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For Your Health - continued...

Heritage Hall To Host Seminar On Puree Food Preparation

Heritage Hall Nursing and Rehabilitation Center, a Genesis Health Venture nursing facility, is sponsoring a seminar to discuss the latest techniques in the revolutionary puree process, presented by nationally renowned puree pioneer, Rosalind V. Benner, on September 22nd at 2:00 p.m. at Heritage Hall West, 61 Cooper Street, Agawam.

Puree foods are no longer the traditional, unrecognizable meal, but attractive, edible delights. Benner, who has produced the successful training tape, "The Three Dimensions of Puree Diets," will be on hand to discuss recipe development; the latest available equipment, including the robocoup that makes slurried food gourmet; garnishing techniques; as well as tips on how to assess patients' chewing and swallowing abilities. Benner will actually prepare a meal for participants to sample.

Rosalind V. Benner, RD, graduated from the University of Texas at Austin with a BS in Food and Nutrition and completed her dietetic internship at the Milwaukee County Hospital and Institution. She has held positions as clinical dietitian, director of food service, and consultant to hospitals and long-term care facilities.

Benner has been teaching professional workshops for healthcare and commercial food service professionals for the past 17 years. Her experience as a consultant has kept her in tune with the training needs of her fellow professionals. She has developed the training videos to complement her training programs: "The Three Dimensions of Puree Diets," "Dimensions in Feeding Techniques," "Simply Beautiful Garnishes," and the newest series, "The Three Dimensional Deluxe Recipe set," combines training and a 200 recipe card file.

Benner's training series workshops have been given rave reviews by her fellow professionals. Her expertise in nutrition and food production are taught with practical "hands-on" demonstrations and lighthearted humor.

Genesis Health Ventures, Inc., provides a broad range of health care services to the geriatric population, principally within four geographic markets in the eastern United States. These services include basic health care services traditionally provided in geriatric care facilities, specialty medical services, and management services to independent geriatric care providers.

Genesis operates 42 geriatric care facilities, manages 13 life care communities, and provides specialty medical services under contract to independent health care providers.

Better Breathers Club To Meet Sept. 12th

On Tuesday, September 12th at 7:00 p.m., the Better Breathers Support Group for people with C.O.P.D. (chronic obstructive pulmonary disease), will meet at Baystate Medical Center in the Administration Building, first floor, Springfield Street entrance.

Michael Coppola, M.D. will speak about sleep apnea.

These meetings are free of charge and open to anyone who is affected by lung disease, including their families and friends.

For more information, call the American Lung Association at 737-3506 or Marie Lemoine at 784-4442.

Hearing Checks Set For Ag. Senior Center

Free hearing screenings and hearing aid checks provided by Mercy Hospital's Weldon Mobile Hearing Center will be conducted September 30th at the Agawam Senior Center at 9:00 a.m.

In addition, full diagnostic hearing tests, evaluations, fittings, sales and service of hearing aids and assistive listening devices can be scheduled on a fee-for-service basis.

The hearing van's audiology equipment is operated by nationally certified audiologists from the Weldon Hearing Center at Mercy Hospital.

For a reservation, call the Agawam Senior Center at 786-0400.

Best Local News...

Forastiere Family To Hold Grief Workshop

The Forastiere Family Funeral Homes will be offering their bi-annual "Grief Workshop" series for anyone in the community who has experienced the death of a loved one, on Mondays, September 12th, 19th, 26th, and October 3rd from 6:45 to 9:00 p.m. at the Westfield Evangelical Free Church, 568 Southwick Road (Route 202) in Westfield.

The series was designed exclusively by the Forastiere Family Funeral Homes as part of their "OPTIONS ... for a brighter tomorrow" emotional support program for people following the death of loved ones.

Lila Forastiere, Grief Counselor, developed the workshop seven years ago and has conducted it twice each year ever since. It has enjoyed continual growth and acclaim, having aided hundreds of bereaved people in our communities.

The focus of the workshop is to help bereaved people understand themselves and their families during the grief process, learn ways to cope with their daily living, and look toward their futures with renewed hope.

The Grief Workshop is a four-session series, with each session building upon the previous one. During each segment, Lila discusses different aspects of the grieving experience. Because there is so much information she wishes to share, the workshop is designed in a lecture format; participants need only to listen.

Of course they are encouraged to ask questions or to comment if they wish, but they are not asked to share their personal stories, nor are they required to talk at all. Lila requests that participants do only what is comfortable. This is not a "support group" where there is group sharing for support, but rather more like a lecture series. [The "sharing of experience" format is very helpful and is offered monthly through several support

groups].

The first session lays the groundwork for the series. "Grief" is discussed from a historical perspective and is defined in the context of a life's experience. During the second session, Forastiere shares many "theories" about bereavement.

"Looking at the grief process from many different angles is important for us to understand our own individual experience," she states.

The third segment explores the physical affects and effects of the grief experience—grief is not an emotional "malady." There are very real, physical REASONS WHY people feel the way they do; and there are very important, tangible physical things that can be done to help oneself through this time when health is at risk.

The fourth week explores the meaning of the death of the loved one to an individual's world view - personally philosophy, spiritually, life's experience, etc.; and offers suggestions for working WITH the grief rather than AGAINST it.

Forastiere stresses that "understanding is a key to a healthy journey through grief; it's the important first step. The workshop can't take away the pain, but it often softens that pain and lessens its duration."

This program, as are all "Forastiere's OPTIONS ... for a brighter tomorrow" programs, is offered by Forastiere Family Funeral Homes as a courtesy, free of charge, to anyone in the community who is grieving a death.

Mrs. Forastiere urges anyone who is grieving a loss of less than two years to take advantage of this community service program. She suggests that participants be beyond three months of bereavement. Pre-registration is required. Call 733-5311 to register.

People Suffering From Lupus Can Receive Support From Springfield Group Sept. 21st

The Springfield Lupus Group of the Lupus Foundation is hosting a support group meeting on Wednesday, September 21st at 7:30 p.m. at the Holiday Inn, Holyoke, Massachusetts.

Guest speaker Peter H. Schur, Professor of

Medicine, Harvard Medical School and Director of Lupus Services, Brigham and Women's Hospital, Boston, Massachusetts, will speak on "Hormones, Menopause and Lupus."

Admission is free and everyone is welcome.



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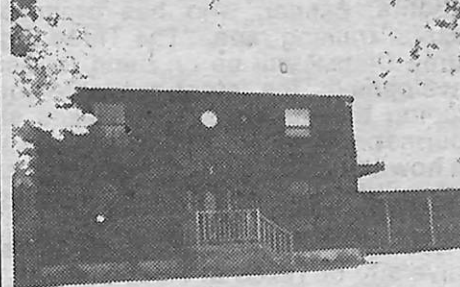
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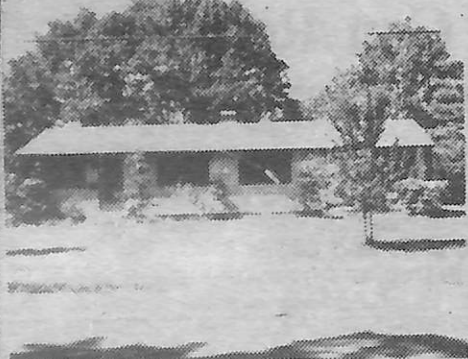
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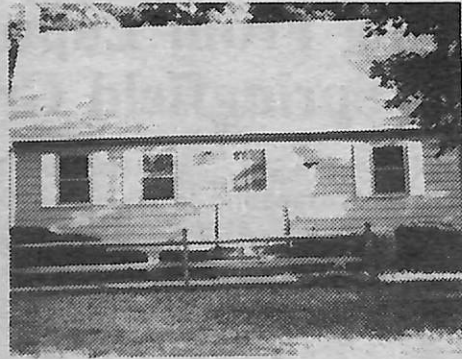
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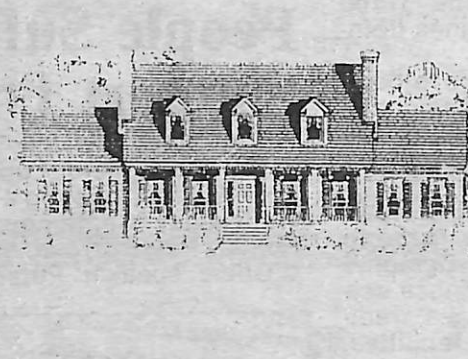
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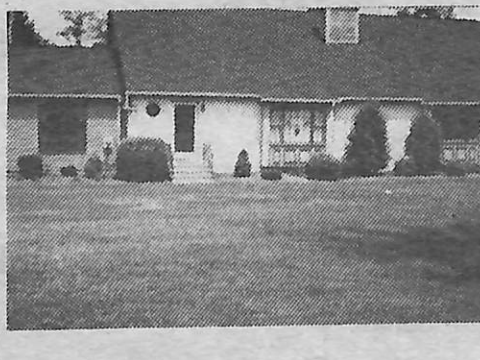
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Arts

ART Producing On Golden Pond For Fall Run

Rehearsals are underway for Agawam Repertory Theater's fall production, *On Golden Pond*. Heading up this wonderful cast of six is Jean Deresienska as the feisty Ethel Thayer.

Ethel's hard nosed but lovable husband, Norman, is played by area actor Jud Pooler. Rounding out the cast are Mindy DeTora, Robert Kay, Luke Kozikowski, and Stephen Mangine.

This poignant love story was written by Ernest Thompson and first appeared on Broadway in September 1978. Director for this production is the multi-talented Arnold Woods. Arnold was last seen on A.R.T.'s stage as Mr. Velasco in *Barefoot in the Park*.

All performances for *On Golden Pond* will be staged at the First Congregational Church, 745 Main Street, Agawam. Play dates are scheduled for three weekends, starting September 30th, and run through October 16th.

For more information or to reserve your tickets for this show, call 786-7700.



AGAWAM REPERTORY MEMBERS, from left - Robert Kay (Bill), Mindy Detora (Chelsea), and Jud Pooler (Norman) in a scene from "On Golden Pond." Robert Kay is an Agawam resident.

Bay Path College Holding Auditions For Oliver Sept. 19-20

The Theatre Arts Department of Bay Path College will hold auditions on Monday and Tuesday, September 19th and 20th, for roles in its November production of the Lionel Bart musical, *Oliver!*

Child actors, singers, and dancers, ages 10-12 will be auditioned at 6:30 p.m., and male adult actors, singers, and dancers are scheduled for 7:30 p.m.

Auditions will take place in Mills Theatre, Carr Hall on the Longmeadow campus and more information may be obtained by calling Theatre Director Paul Norton at the college.

Country West Fest Heading For Polish Club On Sept. 25th

On Sunday, September 25th, the First Annual Country West Fest will be held from 1:00 to 8:00 p.m. (rain or shine) at the Polish American Club Fairgrounds and Pavillion, 139 Southwick Street (Route 57), Feeding Hills.

This special event features music by the Broken Spoke Band, the Terry Roane Band, Country DJ Dancin Dave, and Line Dance Instruction with dance expert Vance Reed.

A variety of foods ranging from barbecue chicken dinners to hamburgers, hot dogs, and

desserts will be available. There will also be an assortment of western merchandise, old west collectibles, and other vendors displaying their goods.

Pony rides, clowns, face painting, balloon sculpting, and cotton candy will be available for the children. Admission is \$5 for adults, \$3 for children. Everyone is invited to join in the fun.

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JELLY BEAN THE CLOWN with his eight-foot-tall tomato plant that he planted during his stay in Agawam. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

Jelly Bean The Clown Visits Riverside Park For A Second Year

Jelly Bean The Clown and his wife, Phyllis, have traveled 1,200 miles to test Massachusetts. They left the Franzen Bros. Circus in Nashville, Tennessee, to test the humor of New Englanders at Riverside Amusement Park.

Jelly Bean has his own circus at the park. He also tested the soil in Agawam by planting a garden. The tomato plant pictured above is over eight feet tall and, at last count, contained over 115 tomatoes.

We asked about his test results, Jelly Bean stated, "The picture of the plant is worth a thousand words, and the circus patrons are good for a thousand laughs."

This is the second year for the clown and his wife at Riverside. Jelly Bean produces laughs at the park, and Phyllis is a costume designer at Riverside Studios.

Since the couple travel about 15,000 miles a year and are "at home" in St. Augustine, Florida, only about 90 days a year, they enjoy raising a garden.

Jelly Bean said he hoped all the area gardeners would challenge his plant by joining his new club called Greater Riverside Independent Network for tomato growers ... better known as G.R.I.N.!

Jelly Bean and Phyllis will be rejoining the Franzen Bros. Circus after Labor Day.

Mattoon Arts Festival To Be Held September 10th & 11th In Spfld.

Exciting exhibitors and entertainers will fill historic Mattoon Street in downtown Springfield when the 22nd Annual MATTOON ARTS FESTIVAL arrives for a two-day stand Saturday and Sunday, September 10th and 11th. The hours on both days are 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m., rain or shine. Admission is \$2 and includes a free raffle ticket. Several prizes will be awarded the last night of the Festival.

Some of the finest selected artists and artisans from all over the nation will be on hand to exhibit—and sell—their creations and works.

In addition to exhibitors who have appeared at the Festival over the years, there are 33 artists and craftspeople who will be exhibiting for the first time at the MATTOON ARTS FESTIVAL.

There is plenty of Festival entertainment this year!

Best local news...

Grants For 1994-95 Are Now Being Accepted By Agawam Cultural Council

The Agawam Cultural Council is now accepting applications for individuals and non-profit organizations for projects in the 1994-1995 grant cycle.

The deadline for the grants is October 14, 1994. It is required by the Massachusetts Cultural Council that all applications be typed and either postmarked or delivered by the due date.

Local council funds are used to support programs in the arts, humanities, and interpretive sciences in Massachusetts. This includes the study, pursuit, performance, exhibition, and enjoyment of cultural activities in the broadest sense.

Arts involve performing arts, folk arts, visual arts, media arts, design arts, crafts, and literary arts. Humanities deal in language, reason, creativity, human values, and aspirations.

Examples of humanities include, but are not limited to: history, literature, art appreciation,

social studies, and philosophy.

Interpretive sciences are those activities which connect science to everyday life. Examples of eligible organizations may include: aquariums, arboretums, botanical gardens, museums, nature centers, natural history and anthropology museums, planetariums and science and technology centers.

Grant applications must be for a project of benefit to the Agawam community. Funds are provided on a reimbursement basis only.

Applications and detailed guidelines for grants are available at either the reference desk of the Agawam Public Library or the Agawam Town Hall.

Completed applications may be mailed to JoAnne Condon, Chairman, Agawam Cultural Council, 65 Beekman Drive, Agawam, MA 01001 or delivered to the Agawam Town Hall, 36 Main St., Agawam, MA 01001.

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STAGE Concludes Youth-Produced Shows

STAGE closed its summer season of young people's theatre to an enthusiastic audience and standing ovation for its lavish production of *All The World's A Stage - No Girls Alloweth*, at The Red Door Theatre.

This original piece, by local playwright and STAGE co-producer Lyle Pearsons, was given a polished and intelligent presentation by the 25 to 15 year-olds considering the difficulty of the material.

The two act play, replete with historical notation and complicated with Elizabethan language, style, and manners, was handled with great aplomb by the young cast as were the Shakesperean scenes from *Romeo & Juliet* and *A Midsummer's Night Dream*.

The plot follows the determination of a draper's daughter to become an actress in a time when it was not acceptable or even prohibited for women to be on the stage. Elizabeth, played with much passion and conviction by Marcy Secora of Southwick, meets up with William Shakespeare while searching out a physician for her failing father. Shakespeare, credibly portrayed by Jesse Randzio, also of Southwick, is out publicizing his new play, *Romeo & Juliet*.

Counteracting the attacks of a puritan preacher (Andrew Schmidt of Longmeadow) who rails against the theatres as the cause of sin and plagues, Shakespeare invites Bet and her friend, Rachael (Briony Davies of Suffield), to his play to judge for themselves.

After taking in the sights and sounds of the theatre and witnessing the play, Bet finds herself bitten by the "theatre bug" and vows to follow her dream to become an actress. Her plans, however, are thwarted when she learns that boys and young men play all the women's parts. Forming her own pre-modern women's rights group, Bet organizes a performance of a fantasy play about English sprites and elves and invites Shakespeare to attend.

Shakespeare in the meantime has "lost his muse" at the same time as he has been asked by Queen Elizabeth, elegantly and vigorously portrayed by Betsy Ingraham of Enfield, to write a new play for her maid-of-honor's wedding. The queen has also granted Lady Ann (Catherine Champagne of Granby) her request to have



THE CAST OF *All The World's A Stage - No Girls Alloweth* takes a final curtain call as they close STAGE's summer season of young people's theatre at The Red Door Theatre in Feeding Hills.

children perform in the performance.

After attending Bet's company's performance, Shakespeare's genius is put back in motion as ideas flow for his new play, *A Midsummer's Night Dream*, and he asks Bet and her friends to perform with his company, The Lord Chamberlain's Men.

In a touching scene where Bet reveals her dream to her dying father (Tommy Szewczyk of Enfield), we find her torn between keeping her father's shop going or pursuing her own ambitions. Pressed by her father to dream her own dream, not his, she accepts the challenge and in Act 2, we witness scenes where she performs as Titania before the royal court.

Playing opposite the greatest actor of his time, Richard Burbage (forcefully played by Mike Moreau of Suffield), and Shakespeare himself as Bottom in a hysterical love scene as a donkey, Bet realizes for a brief moment the truth and finality of the Bard's famous words, "We are such stuff that dreams are made on."

The success of *A Midsummer's Night Dream* is history. Bet's performance is not. Her reality is Pearson's imagination for it was not until the 1620's that women were allowed to tread the boards of the English stage. However, the young performers' portrayals of these historical as well as fictional characters give the play credibility

and the circumstances feasibility in this "could-have-happened-like-this" scenario.

Special mention should be made of the *Romeo and Juliet* scenes, particularly the sword-fighting sequence by Mike Moreau, Will Descy, Kara Lewantowicz, and Corey Lagunowich and of the balcony and tomb scenes with Juliet and Romeo eloquently and sweetly played by Betsy Ingraham and Corey Lagunowich.

Other notables in this enthusiastic and disciplined cast were Megan Banks, Tiffany Blackman, Dawn Banspach, Lindsay Carpenter, Fred Descy, Erica Forish, Chelsea Granger, Sarah Ingraham, Meg Parks, Shelly Rose, Andrew Rosenthal, Abigail Sims, Jessica Szewczyk, and Nico Wilson. Scott Belisle filled in as the Earl of Derby as well as fulfilling the duties of stage manager.

For those of you who missed this exceptional children's theatre production or the earlier summer STAGE presentations of *My World*, *Cinderella*, and *The Quest For Alladin's Lamp*, there will be other opportunities starting this fall with *The Lion*, *The Witch* and *The Wardrobe* by C.S. Lewis.

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Riverside Chorus To Be At Stanley Park

The Riverside Park Chorus ensemble, "Friends in Harmony," will perform in the pavilion at Stanley Park on Sunday, September 11th, from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. Selections from various Broadway shows will be performed in harmony, as well as many beautiful solos. Please join us for an evening of wonderful music.

Encore Players Plan Comedy For Opener

The Encore Players will open their 1994-95 season with the very popular show "Nunsense" by Dan Goggin, a wildly funny, delightful musical about five "nun-traditional" nuns.

Already in rehearsal under the direction of Roger Gove, theatergoers will delight in the unpredictable antics and singing and dancing of the five sisters from Hoboken. Although Catholic in theme, the humor is ecumenical, as has been evidenced by the long-running Broadway production and the success of road shows.

"Nunsense" will be performed at the Lower Theater of St. Luke's Church, 961 St. James Avenue, Springfield, on September 29th, 30th, October 1st, 2nd, 6th, 7th, and 8th. Michael Wark is in charge of the music, with Karen Dion at the piano. Stacy Ashley is the choreographer.

The cast is as follows: Reverend Mother - Moonyean Field; Sister Hubert - Holly Pearson; Sister Amnesia - Christine St. Amant; Sister Robert Ann - Kathy Renaud; and Sister Leo - Jacqueline Doty.

"Crossing Delancey" by Susan Sandler will be directed by Julie Dixon and is scheduled for the first two weekends of December. This comedy concerns a single young lady whose grandmother conspires with an enthusiastic matchmaker to find her a suitable beau.

Encore's artistic director, Jean Burns, will direct the March production of "Peg o' My Heart" by J. Hartley Manners, a lovely turn-of-the-century family comedy. And, Dick Volker will direct the fourth production, Neil Simon's "Lost in Yonkers," scheduled for early June 1995.

Season subscriptions are now available. General admission is from \$6 to \$8, except for "Nunsense" (where the admission is from \$7 to \$9). Tickets may be purchased at The Golden Peacock, at the corner of White Street and Sumner Avenue in Springfield.

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Education

New Clark Principal & Staff Welcome Kindergarten Students

by Kathy Cassanelli
News Editor

Agawam's newest elementary school principal, Sandra Howard of James Clark School, and the school's incoming kindergartners had a chance to spend some time getting used to their new environment on Wednesday morning, August 31st before school officially started.

For the second year, all the town's elementary schools participated in the "Let's Get Acquainted Program" initiated by parent Susan Dempsey at Phelps School several years ago.

Aimed at alleviating the anxiety felt by both parents and kindergarten students on the first day of school, the program seeks to give the school system's youngest students an opportunity to experience the everyday routine of taking the bus to school and getting to their classrooms without the hustle and bustle of the first day of school.

Developed at Phelps School by Mrs. Dempsey (with the help of then principal William Miller and kindergarten teacher Jane Sauter), the program provides a stress free introduction for the youngsters to their new school.

With the voluntary cooperation of all the elementary school principals and kindergarten teachers, as well as volunteer bus drivers and bus monitors, the children and their parents are transported to the schools on their regular school bus for a brief orientation program.

The buses for the program are provided free of charge by Five Star Transportation Company President Theresa Lecrenski, and the drivers and monitors participate on a voluntary basis.

"It's the volunteers who make the program possible," Mrs. Dempsey said.

Volunteers A Major Asset

Visiting each school during the program, Superintendent of Schools Bernard F. Ryder agreed. Crediting Mrs. Dempsey for her work in originating the program and coordinating its implementation on a townwide basis, Ryder said, "We have to thank the volunteers who make the program a major asset to the school system."

School Committee member Scott Macey noted the positive feedback he has received from parents. He said, "The program gets better each year. My hat is off to Sue Dempsey."

At each school, the parents are welcomed by the principal and by representatives of the PTO. While each school has adapted the program to fit its own particular needs, the parents usually spend some time in the cafeteria for a brief orientation given by the principal and the PTO president. The children get to know their new teacher in the classroom during this time.

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KINDERGARTEN TEACHER Jane Robinson welcomes new kindergarten students on August 31st during "The Let's Get Acquainted Program." **IN PHOTO LEFT**, kindergarten students arrive at Clark School after taking their first bus ride. Advertiser News photos by Jack Devine.



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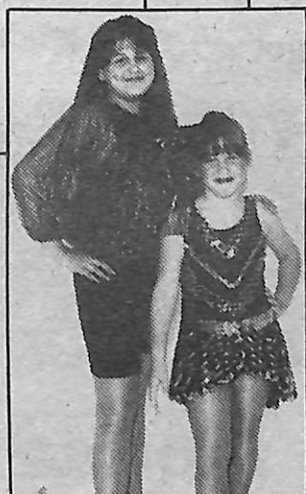
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Tuesday, September 13th: Rotini with meatsauce, seasoned broccoli cuts, Italian bread & butter, blueberry cake with lemon glaze, milk.

Wednesday, September 14th: Veal patty parmesan sandwich, seasoned niblet corn, parsley rice, fruit cup or chocolate cake with vanilla icing, milk.

Thursday, September 15th: Sliced white meat turkey sandwich with mayonnaise, lettuce & sliced tomato, seasoned carrots, peanut butter cookie, milk.

Friday, September 16th: Grilled cheese sandwich, pickle chips, 1/2 baked potato, chilled peaches or strawberry jello with topping, milk.

(NOTE: Please remember to purchase your tickets on Mondays for the week. Personal checks are accepted, payable to: **The Agawam School Lunch.**)

KINDERGARTEN - from Page 38...

Awaiting the arrival of the busload of morning kindergarten students at Clark School, Mrs. Howard said she was impressed by the level of parental and community support for the schools in Agawam. "I don't know of any town that does a formal kindergarten orientation like this. I think it's a wonderful thing. It's a chance for the parents to speak to the teacher about their child's first school experience," Mrs. Howard said.

With bus monitor Norma Coogan on board, veteran driver Janet Beauvais pulled into the circle in front of the school. As the children and their parents entered the school for the first time as a kindergarten class, Mrs. Beauvais said that while some of the children seemed a little hesitant, the parents enjoyed their first ride on a school bus in many years.

Kindergarten teacher Jane Robinson welcomed her students to Room 3 and invited them to find a seat on the rug for storytime. While Mrs. Robinson shared her big book, "The Very Hungry Caterpillar" (and a butterfly finger play game with the children), the parents filed into the cafeteria for their own orientation.

PTO Presentation

After a brief welcoming speech, Mrs. Howard turned the meeting over to PTO President Debra Curtis. She gave the parents a brief overview of the many activities the Clark School PTO plans throughout the year.

"We're a very active PTO and we'd like to see some new faces," Mrs. Curtis said. "No matter

what your schedule is like, we have a program to fit your schedule. There's always something for you to be involved in. Whether it's one hour a year or one hour a week, we're going to get you!"

After their orientation, the parents returned to the kindergarten room where the children were enjoying freeze pops provided by the PTO as they explored the activity centers.

Giving them a brief synopsis of what to expect as the school year progressed, Mrs. Robinson promised to keep the parents informed throughout the year by sending home a newsletter periodically.

"You and I have one very important goal for your child—a good education. The kindergarten curriculum is a beautiful balance between the social and the academic. By the end of the year, you'll be amazed at what your child has learned," Mrs. Robinson said.

Attending the program with her daughter, Amy, Donna Damon found the orientation "very helpful." A little tense on first getting off the bus, Amy was soon caught up in the excitement of meeting her teacher and new classmates and getting familiar with the classroom.

Pleased with the chance to help ease her daughter's fears, Mrs. Damon noted, "I'm sure things will go a lot more smoothly on the first day of school."

With 21 years of experience with kindergartners and their jitters on the first few days of school, Mrs. Robinson agreed. "When they get off the bus on the first day, they'll recognize me and that really helps."

Junior High School Council Needs Three Parents & 1 Community Rep.

The Agawam Junior High School Council is in need of three parents and one community representative. The purpose of the school council is to "assist in the identification of the educational needs of the students attending the school, in the review of the annual school budget, and in the formation of a school improvement plan."

The Agawam Junior High School Council consists of four parents, four teachers, the principal,

and one community representative. They meet once a month.

Names will be taken in nomination at the AJHS office (789-1400, ext. 460).

Elections (by ballot) will take place on the Back To School Night, September 26th.

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PARENT SUSAN DEMPSEY (right) receives the prestigious "Friend of Education" Award from Agawam Education Association President Gail Dion. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

DEMPSEY - from Page 1...

When it became apparent that all the elementary school councils identified that the restoration of the safety officer's post was essential, Mrs. Dempsey proposed and coordinated the first joint school council meeting.

The position of safety officer has been restored and Sergeant Gary Nardi assumed his duties on September 2nd.

Mrs. Dempsey has been a member of the Phelps School PTO and is the co-chairwoman of the Phelps Improvement Council. In addition to her involvement with Phelps, she has been concerned about safety issues throughout the town. Mrs. Dempsey chairs the Community Subcommittee of the Curriculum Review Committee.

She has also been actively involved in setting up a partnership between the Agawam Chamber of Commerce and the School Department, and she worked closely with Agawam High In-School Suspension teacher Bernadette Conte on the Agawam Educators Appreciation Breakfast held last spring.

A native of Southern California, Mrs. Dempsey and her husband, Joseph, moved their young family across the country eight years ago after deciding that the Los Angeles area was no place to raise a family.

"We literally took out a map and started investigating economies and school systems. I've always been intrigued by the beauty and history of New England," she said.

After deciding on a move to New England, the Dempseys were on their way when her husband was able to secure a job transfer to Hartford. And the rest is history.

The Dempseys have two children - Luke, 11, and Rebecca, 8.

"Back To School Night" Slated For Ag. Middle School

The Agawam Middle School will hold a "Back To School Night" for parents on Wednesday, September 14, 1994 at 7:00 p.m.

Parents of both fifth and sixth grade students will follow their child's daily program and meet with the subject teacher in a classroom situation. The teacher will discuss the course of study, homework assignments, and answer any questions parents may have.

All parents will meet at 7:00 p.m. in the Middle School auditorium, at which time the program for the evening will be explained.

Middle School P.T.O. Slates Meeting For Monday, Sept. 12th

The Agawam Middle School PTO will be holding its first meeting of the 1994-1995 school year on Monday, September 12th at 7:30 p.m. in the cafeteria.

Please try to attend this meeting and lend your support, suggestions, and input to help your Middle School PTO have another successful year.

Any parent of a Middle School student, as well as any staff member of the Agawam Middle School, is invited and encouraged to attend.

We hope to see you there!

For more information, call Donna M. Shibley at 786-3888 or Kathy DeVall at 786-2260.

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7TH & 8TH GRADE BOYS

5TH & 6TH GRADE GIRLS

7TH & 8TH GRADE GIRLS

A player may play in any **one** of the above leagues—boy or girl, i.e. A player may play on either an in-town or a suburban team, not both. Anyone playing basketball on a high school team is ineligible.

Registration Fee—Instructional - \$30.00; In-Town - \$36.00; Suburban - \$36.00. Fee includes raffle tickets.

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Please note ** All leagues will be run only if registrations warrant.

Anyone interested in being involved with the A.A.A. in a non-coaching capacity, please call Bob Hersey at 786-2979.

If you have any questions, call the parks/recreation office at 786-0400, ext. 456.

We can use help on our committees, commissioners and other programs of the A.A.A.

Teachers All Smiles At First Meeting



Two AHS Educators Nominated For State-Wide Awards

by Kathy Cassanelli
News Editor

In its first year of existence, the AHS Staff Appreciation Committee has instituted its own award, "The Orange and Brown Award," to recognize and honor a faculty or staff member each month. It has also been responsible for nominating two AHS teachers for state-wide recognition.

English teacher Judi Lech was nominated for the Massachusetts Department Education "Teacher of the Year Award," and Child Development teacher Diana Chase was nominated for the "Sokolove Personal Best Award" that is given to a teacher of Special Education.

AHS Principal Russell Furtado told us, "The nominations are well deserved. They are outstanding representatives of the teaching profession. They are both winners to me. I have the highest regard for both of them."

When he took over as AHS principal last September, Furtado was surprised that no organization existed at AHS for the staff members to recognize and honor the accomplishments of their peers. Furtado created the Staff Appreciation Committee to boost morale at the school and enlisted faculty member Carla Lemnah-Warner to serve as its chairwoman.

Of the 300 Massachusetts teachers nominated for the "Teacher of the Year Award," Mrs. Lech finished in the top 99, Mrs. Lemnah-Warner said.

With over 22 years experience teaching in public schools, Mrs. Lech is certified to teach English as well as social studies.

"She is considered a master teacher, the best of the best. She serves as a resource for other teachers," Mrs. Lemnah-Warner said.

Commenting on the honor of being nominated, Mrs. Lech said, "It is absolutely delightful. One of the things you treasure most is recognition from your fellow educators."

A Leader In The NEA, MTA, And AEA

Nominated for the quality of the education she provides to her students, Mrs. Lech is involved in professional development on the state and local level and holds leadership positions in the National Education Association, the Massachusetts Teachers Association, and the Agawam Education Association.

In submitting her professional resume for consideration as a recipient of the "Teacher of the Year Award," Mrs. Lech noted, "The longer I teach, the more convinced I am that setting suitably high standards for all students is absolutely necessary."

Although the "Sokolove Personal Best Award" is usually given to Special Education teachers, the Staff Appreciation Committee nominated Child Development and Health Educator Diana Chase for her work with Special Education students in the mainstream classroom.

Sponsored by Boston (area) Attorney James Sokolove to recognize Special Education teachers making a difference in the lives of their students, the award carries a \$500 cash award for classroom use and is given each spring to a special educator in Maine, Massachusetts, or New Hampshire.

Teaching the life skills curriculum through child development, family living, and health courses, Mrs. Chase focuses on the skills her students will need as adults in their personal lives as well as on the job.

According to Mrs. Lemnah-Warner, "The Staff Appreciation Committee nominated Mrs. Chase for the award because she serves special education students in the mainstream classroom."

MEMBERS OF THE Agawam Education Association held their annual meeting on Thursday, September 1st. There was time for a quick social before the actual meeting began in the Junior High's cafeteria. IN TOP PHOTO, from left - Elizabeth Zerra, Cynthia Starzyk, Teresa Urbinati, and Laura Czerpak. IN PHOTO LEFT, Nora Bruno, Debbie King, and Andrea Brinnel.

Advertiser News photos by Jack Devine.



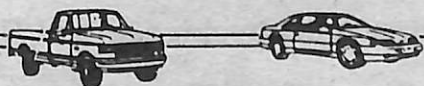
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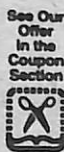


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High School Students Who Qualify Can Take College Courses

Qualified public high school juniors and seniors who have a B or better grade point average now may be eligible to take public college and university courses for both high school and college credit beginning this fall and free of charge, Senator Linda J. Melconian (D-Springfield) announced recently.

The new Dual Enrollment program, developed under the Education Reform Act of 1993, allows high school students who earn 3.0 grade point averages and/or better who are recommended for participation by high school educators, and who comply with the respective higher education institution's admissions criteria, to enroll in public college or university academic or occupational courses at the state's expense. Governor William F. Weld and the Legislature appropriated \$500,000 for Dual Enrollment in the fiscal 1995 budget.

"I think this program is a wonderful new idea because implementation of the Dual Enrollment program will help equalize educational opportunity for all young people in the Commonwealth," said Melconian.

Traditionally, only gifted or wealthy high school students could extend their high school education into the higher education arena. Dual Enrollment recognizes that the Commonwealth is responsible for providing high school-age students with a free education, and that higher education institutions must charge for their courses.

By offering college and university courses free of charge to students, and by paying course fees to public higher education institutions, the Dual Enrollment program fulfills the state's responsibilities to both public school students and public institutions of higher learning. "Students should not let this opportunity pass them by. Free higher education is hard to come by these days," continued Melconian.

"With this program we have a tremendous opportunity to build the necessary bridges between high school and higher education in order to create a strong statewide education system." Some highlights of the Dual Enrollment program policy, which will be implemented by agreement between local public high schools and higher education institutions, are:

- High school students must be in their junior or senior year and have attained a 3.0 grade point average or better, and/or be recommended to take college-level course work by their high school teachers, principals, or guidance counselors.

- Students must meet pertinent higher education admission requirements and individual course requirements at the respective college or university.

- Prior to final acceptance into a Dual Enrollment program, high school students and their parents, guardians or other responsible adults in the student's educational decision-making process are strongly encouraged to take part in an interview with appropriate high school and higher educational personnel, to ensure that the student is prepared for success on the higher education level.

- All students must have written approval from their parents, guardians or other responsible adults to be accepted into the Dual Enrollment program.

- Statewide, qualified students will be admitted to the Dual Enrollment program on a first-come, first-served basis.

- High school students must earn a B or better in all college-level course work, and/or be highly recommended for continuation by appropriate high school and higher education personnel to remain eligible for Dual Enrollment participation.

Lastly, all students enrolled on a dual enrollment basis are responsible for their own transportation, textbooks, and instructional materials.

If you have any questions and/or are interested in learning more about this program, please feel free to contact Senator Melconian at her district office at 786-6033.

Granger PTO Slates Meeting For Sept. 14th

The Granger P.T.O. has scheduled its first two meetings of the new school year. The normal business meeting will be held on Wednesday, September 14th at 7:00 p.m. in the Granger School cafeteria.

A special "Committee Kick-Off" meeting is planned for the following Wednesday, September 21st, at 7:00 p.m. in the Granger cafeteria. At this meeting, sub-committees will be organized and begin their planning for the 1994-95 school year. Help is needed on all committees.

All parents of Granger students are strongly encouraged to attend and participate at both of these meetings. If there are any questions, please call Larry White, P.T.O. president, at 789-3939.

Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute Presents Prestigious Award To Agawam High Student

Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute has announced that Xuan Ly of 117 Silver Street, Agawam, an Agawam High School student, has been awarded the Rensselaer Medal.

Rensselaer has awarded the Rensselaer Medal since 1916 to high school juniors who are chosen by their schools as the top students in science and mathematics. Rensselaer Medals are awarded at more than 2,450 high schools in North America, South America, Europe, and Asia.

Medal winners are chosen by program coordinators at the high schools. In the academic year 1993-1994, 2,021 medals were awarded.

Founded in 1824, Rensselaer is the nation's oldest degreegranting technological university. *U.S. News & World Report* has consistently ranked Rensselaer among the top 50 "national" universities in the country, and has consistently listed its graduate engineering program among the top 15.

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Jr. High Non-Users Hope Start Of Year As Good As Last June

by Kathy Cassanelli
News Editor

A little rain never hurt anybody. Just ask the members of the Non-Users Club at the Junior High who dodged the raindrops just before school ended in June to stroll over to Peterjon's for a free scoop of their favorite ice cream.

Along with their advisors, Gerald O'Malley, Marie Mazza, and James Ryan, about 80 members of the club took advantage of owners Ron & Gail Hebert's generosity.

A classmate of the Heberts at Cathedral High School, O'Malley said, "Ron has been excellent for the last couple of years in having us (the Non-Users) here."

O'Malley said the whole idea behind the club was to reward and support the students in their pledge to live a lifestyle free of drug, alcohol, and tobacco use.

Mrs. Hebert agreed that it was important for the business community to support and recognize the students for their commitment to remaining drug-free.

Mrs. Hebert said rewarding the students with a free cone was a way to make the kids aware that their efforts are appreciated.

"They think they're getting a million dollars," Mrs. Hebert said, noting the students' enthusiastic chatter as they were checked off on Ryan's attendance list before receiving their frozen treats.

"They're a good group of kids and I hope it will carry through to high school," Mrs. Hebert said.

260 Members

Throughout the year, the 260-members of last year's club participated in monthly activities designed for the students to celebrate their healthy lifestyle while having fun, but also to help others. As they have in the past, the students were able to make a substantial donation to the American Heart Association by participating in a marathon jump rope session.

Among the end of the year activities offered by the club was a trip to Springfield's Basketball Hall of Fame (sponsored by State Rep. Michael P. Walsh), and an all-day pass at Riverside Park for students with a Non-Users Club ID card on Friday, June 24th (the day after school ended).

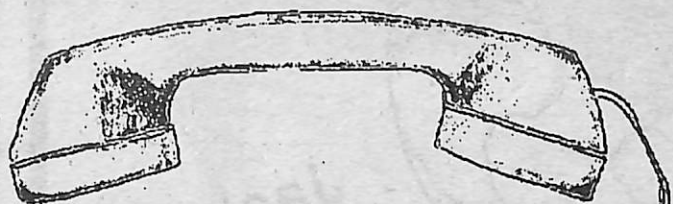
Noting the level of support for the Non-Users Club from the community, O'Malley said, "We've never had anyone say 'no' to us."

During the last two weeks of school, the club sponsored a paragraph-writing contest open to all students at the Junior High.

Students were asked to write a paragraph on why they intended to remain drug, alcohol, and tobacco free for the summer.

The club's advisors narrowed down the 84 entries to a field of nine and the three winners were chosen at random.

Winning two, four, or six Showcase Cinema tickets for their entries were: **Laura Tenerowicz**, first prize; **Jillian Mercadante**, second prize; and **Paul Royland**, third prize.



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"Let's Get Acquainted" At Granger School



NEW KINDERGARTEN STUDENTS and their parents were invited to Granger Elementary School on Tuesday, August 30th for the "Let's Get Acquainted Program." **IN PHOTO BELOW**, kindergarten teacher Jackie Hayes meets with some of her new students for the 1994-95 school year. Advertiser News photos by Jack Devine.



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Imaginations Soar At Granger School Thru Creativity Fair

by Kathy Cassanelli
Advertiser News Editor

Just two days before the school year ended in June, Granger School cafeteria hosted a unique opportunity for tomorrow's scientists, sculptors, inventors, artists, and chefs to let their imaginations soar.

The Second Annual Third Grade Creativity Fair showcased the children's efforts in a day-long exhibition of their works for the rest of the Granger student body during the day and for their parents and families in the evening.

Third grade teachers Kathleen Heimann, Margaret Hatheway, Bette Lee Miller, and Faith Nuovo encouraged the children to work with a friend or with their parents in creating their projects.

"We told the children to go with whatever they wanted to try," Mrs. Hatheway said. "They could experiment with something they had never tried before."

Mrs. Heimann said the creativity fair was a chance for the students to choose a topic for themselves. Some of the children based their projects on hobbies or the sports they played, while others began with a science or art lesson that had piqued their interest.

The teachers introduced the idea of a creativity fair with the children about a month ahead of time, integrating the concept into their language arts lessons through written reports and "how-to" paragraphs.

"We just let them go. And look at the variety. The ingenuity of the children and the cooperation of the parents," Mrs. Hatheway commented.

Every available inch of table space in the cafeteria was covered with the students' work as they proudly displayed and explained their projects to the visiting fourth grade students and teachers.

Gesturing toward the bustling activity, Mrs. Hatheway commented, "Listen to the noise and the level of enthusiasm. That's not confusion. That's excitement!"

Mrs. Heimann agreed. "The children need a chance to express themselves. Creativity is catching!"

Amazing Variety

Eagerly looking forward to their chance to put their talents and skills on display, the children produced an amazing variety of artworks, games, experiments, inventions, models, and crafts that ranged from jewelry-making to food sculptures.

Shawn Roberts and **Heather Cox** both created projects using the theme of recycling, but each approached the subject in a unique way. Shawn drew on his father's expertise in plastics recycling to explain how the material in a plastic bottle is processed into the pellets that become new bottles, cartons, or even carpeting.

Heather's Recycling Factory relied on her imagination in finding new uses for empty jars and cans. A large can decorated with paper became a pencil holder; a small juice can served as a cookie cutter, and a styrofoam tray formed an artist's paint plate. "I thought it would be fun to keep jars and cans and make something new to use," Heather said.

John Tisdell's clay, styrofoam, and papier mache volcano drew a crowd of students interested in watching the lava (a mixture of water, food coloring, baking soda, vinegar, and dishwashing liquid) erupt.

Mark Marra and **John Butova** began with a blank Milton Bradley game board to create their own game, and **Michael Pickett** put his interest in football to use in creating his game. **Kimberly Smith's** Ocean Wave Wire Game tested manual dexterity by using an electric circuit to turn a light on (if a player touched the looping wire of the game with the guide wand.)

Sports provided the inspiration for **Brandon Reiser's** model of a basketball court and for **Michael McGeoghan's** model of a baseball field surrounded by a stadium (complete with cheering fans filling the seats). Some of the fans had been drawn smiling while others were frowning. "It depends on how their team is doing," Michael explained.

Arts & Crafts Popular

Many of the children chose arts and crafts to demonstrate their creativity. **Amanda Rozanski** used tiny beads to fashion bracelets; **Sabrina Brizolari** showed her skill at Swedish weaving; **Kelly Reilly** worked on hand-painting t-shirts; and **Stacey Boisjolie** sculpted a family of bunnies using the Rice Krispie treat mixture as the basis for a unique (and yummy!) project.

With her father's help, **Gina Saimeri** produced a plaster party mask decorated with paint and feathers. **Dan Saimeri** served as his daughter's model for the mask and Gina displayed photos of the 45-minute process which she used to obtain a plaster cast of her dad's face.



GRANGER SCHOOL STUDENT Brandon Reiser shows off his model basketball court at the Third Grade Creativity Fair. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.



IN PHOTO LEFT, Gary Dionne displays his model of a "Dream House"; IN PHOTO RIGHT, Meghan Brown and Whitney Brown are proud as peacocks about their garden creation complete with a hot air balloon hovering overhead. Advertiser News photos by Jack Devine.



Inventors **Chad Farrington** and **Ben Sunny** showed off the foil-covered robot they built using cardboard for the body and plastic tubing for the arms. Other students demonstrated projects based on scientific principles or labor saving devices such as the automatic watermelon seed picker.

According to Granger's third grade teaching team, the Creativity Fair serves as an antidote to the commonly held misconception that public

school teachers do not foster creativity in their classrooms.

"Everything we do (in the classroom) is a strategy to have the children arrive at this point," Mrs. Hatheway said. "When we look at this, we have hope for the future. We are reinforced that we're on the right track."

Mrs. Heimann agreed. "This lets people know the kids are learning in school. We are on a positive track."



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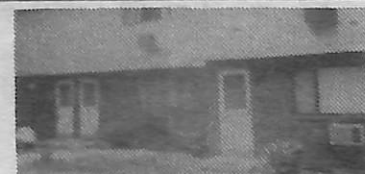
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Chamber Partnership



THE AGAWAM CHAMBER OF COMMERCE, represented by President Kurt Welker (left) and Rita Ducharme, have formed a partnership with the Agawam School Department. Representing the School Department are Curriculum Coordinator Ann Favreau and Superintendent of Schools Bernard Ryder. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

Middle School PTO News, Notes

The Agawam Middle School P.T.O. officers and committee members would like to welcome back "new" sixth grade students and their families, as well as welcome new fifth grade students and their families.

The P.T.O. is proud of our Middle School and the P.T.O. is happy to participate in and help with the many activities of the school year. Please remember that as long as you have a child enrolled in the Agawam Middle School, YOU are a member of the P.T.O.

COMING ATTRACTIONS:

September 12th: First P.T.O. meeting - 7:30 in the cafeteria. The meetings are usually held on the first Monday of each month. Many parents are under the impression that these are closed meetings. THIS IS NOT TRUE.

All parents of Middle School children are welcome and encouraged to attend this meeting. Please come and see what the P.T.O. is all about, while doing that little bit extra for your children. The P.T.O. could certainly use the help! Hope to see you there.

September 14th: Back to School Open House (more info to follow); Fundraiser Kick-Off - The P.T.O. has again chose Meadowfarms as they offer the best quality merchandise, with the most reasonable prices. For your early holiday shopping, gift wrap, cards, accessories, plus assorted candies and gifts will be offered.

The fundraiser will run through September 27th. Please support this fundraiser as this will be the only one for the year.

October 4th: School Pictures

October 13th: Robert King (Storyteller) sponsored by the P.T.O.

November 30th: Parent Conference Night

OFFICERS AND COMMITTEE MEMBERS:

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SOME OF THE TOP READERS in the Summer Reading Club at the Agawam Public Library included, from left - Anne Marie Audette, Michael Audette, Corey Federico, Michael Federico, Sarah Metcalf, Christina Metcalf, and Leah, Erin, and Joe Marsh. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

Summer Readers Total More Than 1,100 At Agawam Public Library

More than 1,100 children and their families participated in a summer reading program at the Agawam Public Library, making 1994 a record-breaking year for everybody.

The kids got to go 500 miles on an imaginary trip for every hour they spent reading, and some dedicated readers travelled all around the world! Others were happy to travel throughout the United States, where Florida and California were especially popular destinations.

The most popular books of the season included the "Goosebump" series by R.L. Stine, and the

"PeeWee Scouts" books by Judy Delton for the older kids, while the preschoolers cleared the shelves of picture books involving their favorite characters, like "Curious George" and "Clifford, the Big Red Dog."

The library staff sends congratulations to every eager reader, as well as a reminder that you can pick up your Summer Reading Club passports, reading certificates, and mementoes next time you're in the library, so you'll have souvenirs of all the reading you did during the summer of '94!

Junior High PTO Holding First Meeting Of New School Year On Monday, Sept. 19th

The Agawam Junior High School PTO will be holding its first meeting of the 1994-1995 school year on Monday, September 19th at 7:30 p.m. in the cafeteria.

Please try to attend this meeting and lend your support, suggestions, and input to help your Junior High School PTO have another successful

year.

Any parent of a Junior High School student, as well as any staff member of the Agawam Junior High School, is invited and encouraged to attend.

For more information, call Donna M. Shibley at 786-3888.

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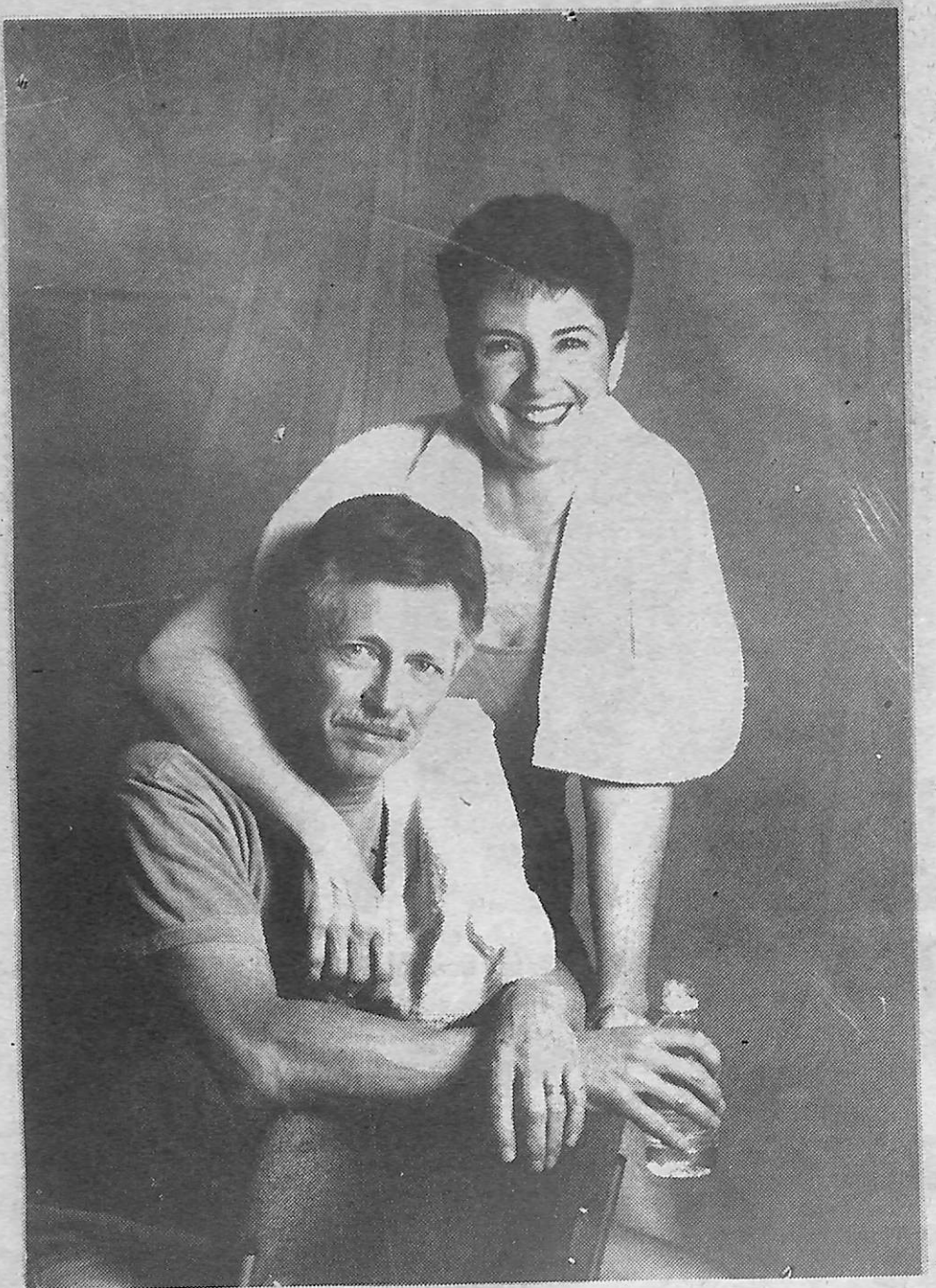
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Details regarding each class may be obtained by calling Fitness First at 786-1460.

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Sports

Rep. Walsh Holds Annual DARE Tournament



STATE REP. MICHAEL P. WALSH held his Annual Project DARE Golf Tournament on August 17th at Oak Ridge Golf Club. IN TOP PHOTO, LEFT - tournament organizers Maria Ollari, Gary Ziencina, and Cathy Sheehan, and Mary McLaughlin, Rep. Walsh's wife. IN PHOTO LEFT BELOW with the Project DARE car of the APD are Mayor Christopher C. Johnson, Rep. Walsh, School Committee member Scott Macey, and Police Chief Bob Campbell. IN PHOTO ABOVE, pictured are Jack Morin, Police Officer Wayne Macey, DARE Officer Donald Gallerani, and Bill Finn. RELATED PHOTOS ON NEXT PAGE. Advertiser News photos by Jack Devine.

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Local Golfers Come Out For Walsh's DARE Tournament



STATE REP. MICHAEL P. WALSH held his Annual Project DARE Golf Tournament on Wednesday, August 17th, at Oak Ridge Golf Club. From left - Rep. Walsh, Karl Schmaelzle, Ron Hamel, and Dick Pisano. IN PHOTO RIGHT, Rep. Walsh is pictured with Bill Sliech, Don Gallerani (the Police Department's DARE coordinator), Mike Gruska, Steve Grasso, and Police Chief Bob Campbell. RELATED PHOTOS ON PREVIOUS PAGE. Advertiser News photos by Jack Devine.

Ag. Youth Football Opening 1994 Season Vs. Westfield Teams

This Sunday, the junior and senior players of the Agawam Youth Football Association will be playing the Westfield Youth Football teams at home at the Phelps Field on School Street.

The junior team is comprised of fourth, fifth, and sixth grade students. The senior team is made up of junior high students. The junior games begin at 1:00 p.m. and the senior games will begin at approximately 2:15 p.m.

Please come out and support your local young people.

The 1994 Agawam Youth Football schedule is as follows:

September 11th, Sunday - HOME (Westfield)

September 18th, Sunday - AWAY (Springfield South)

September 24th, Saturday - AWAY (Holyoke)

October 2nd, Sunday - HOME (Springfield North)

October 8th, Saturday - AWAY (Northampton)

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October 23rd, Sunday - HOME (Northampton)

October 30th, Sunday - AWAY (Westfield)

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Walktoberfest To Take Place In Longmeadow On Sunday, Oct. 2nd

The fourth annual **Walktoberfest** will take place on Sunday, October 2nd, at the Longmeadow High School in Longmeadow.

Walktoberfest, the largest annual fundraiser of the American Diabetes Association, is a 10-mile pledge walk to raise money for research to find a cure for diabetes, the fourth-leading cause of death by disease in America. Check-in for **Walktoberfest** takes place at the high school from 8:00 a.m. to 9:00 a.m., with the walk starting at 9:00 a.m.

Walkers of all ages and abilities are encouraged to join us on the road to a cure. There is no registration fee for **Walktoberfest**. Walkers are required to raise a minimum of \$50 in pledges and will receive an event t-shirt.

We invite corporate involvement through teams. A team consists of five or more individuals who raise a minimum of \$50 per person.

There will be three rest stops along the scenic route, plenty of medical support, food, beverages, and entertainment. After **Walktoberfest** concludes, lunch will be provided by the Spaghetti Warehouse and music provided by Glimmerglass Productions will entertain the crowd. Free parking is available at the school.

Walktoberfest will also be held in Greenfield, Pittsfield, Worcester, Boston, and Andover, as well as more than 200 other locations across America.

Walktoberfest is made possible through the generous support of: Equal Sweetener, WGGB-TV, WHYN-FM, Spaghetti Warehouse, BayBank, and the *Union-News/Sunday Republican*.

Diabetes afflicts nearly 14 million Americans nationwide. Funds raised through **Walktoberfest** support research to find a cure for diabetes and for educational programs for 400,000 Massachusetts residents with diabetes.

Please join us on the road to a cure by becoming involved with **Walktoberfest**. For more information about **Walktoberfest**, call 1-800-254-WALK.

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Eastern Open 2 Ball Held At Oak Ridge By Miller High Life

The Miller High Life Eastern Amateur Open 2 Ball, sponsored by the Commercial Distributing Company of Westfield, was played at the Oak Ridge Golf Club from August 11th to August 14th.

As in past years, this annual event hosted the largest tournament field in Western Massachusetts as 145 teams participated. Winners of the Gold Division were Jack Curren and Jerry Courville, Jr. of Westport, Connecticut. They outlasted a field of 49 teams with a 54-hole gross score of nine under par 201. They were awarded \$1,000 in merchandise prizes.

The Blue Division was won by Suffield, Connecticut residents John Fleming and Albert Lee, with a 54-hole gross score of three under par 207 as they outlasted a field of 96 teams. Fleming and Lee also tied for low net in the Blue Division with a 27 under par score of 183 with the team of Bob Anderson and Bill Theodoropoulos from Sturbridge, Mass. Both teams won \$800 in Pro Shop merchandise.

Fitness First To Hold FITOUR Aerobic Instructor Workshop

Fitness First in Feeding Hills will be holding a FITOUR Instructor Workshop on Thursday, September 29, 1994. The featured professional instructor will be David Mesirow, one of the hottest new stars in the fitness field. He will be presenting one of his All-Star Fitness workshops for three invigorating hours.

The workshop will go over "Killer Creative Combinations," "Powerful Exciting Techniques for Stepping," and "Power Tools" (correspondent course).

David Mesirow travels worldwide teaching fitness professionals the latest information in the fitness industry. David has starred in six highly reviewed instructional videos that showcase David's unique teaching style, endless enthusiasm and humor, and outstanding choreography skills.

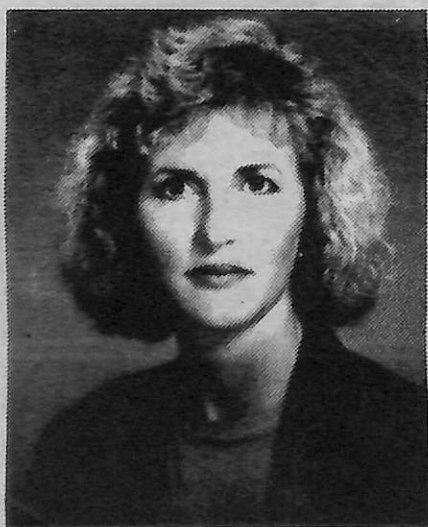
For more information on registration for this outstanding fitness workshop, please contact Donna Cohen at Fitness First, (413) 786-1460.



GROSS CHAMPS in the Miller High Life Amateur Blue Division (above) include John Fleming, Albert Lee with master storekeeper George Dunham. **BELOW**, Blue Division champs (net) included Bill Theodoropoulos, Bob Anderson, with tournament director Ken Norton.



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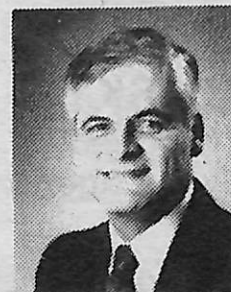
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GRANGER SCHOOL STUDENT Jonathan W. Wollmershauser traveled to South Korea to test for his Black Belt in Tae Kwon Do.



Escape Bicycle Trek Set For Sept. 23-25

Cyclists of all abilities are invited to join the Autumn Escape Bicycle Trek from Plymouth to Provincetown, Massachusetts, set for September 23rd-25th and sponsored by TV 40 and AAA Automobile Club of Pioneer Valley.

The three-day, 160-mile trek will provide cyclists with a unique way to explore the beauty of Cape Cod while helping local American Lung Associations across Massachusetts fight lung disease—the third-leading cause of death in America.

The trek route features some of the finest New England scenery. Over three days, trekkers will see the Cape Cod Canal, the Falmouth Shining Sea Bike Trail, the Old King's Highway and the Cape Cod National Seashore, and enjoy a cruise from Provincetown to Plymouth. A two-day option is also available.

Prizes include gift certificates to The Sharper Image and a grand prize of a five-day vacation package for two at SugarLoaf/USA. Registration fee is \$35, and riders must raise a minimum of \$350 in pledges and wear an ANSI approved helmet.

The trek will provide camp accommodations in Sandwich and Brewster, breakfast and dinners, a sagwagon to carry gear, a mobile bike repair show, experienced leaders, frequent rest stops and plentiful snacks, a communications and check point team for safety and encouragement, and a victory cruise.

For more information, contact the American Lung Association at 1-800-LUNG-USA (in Massachusetts only) or 413-737-3506.

Jonathan Wollmershauser Of Granger School Visits South Korea To Test For Black Belt

Jonathan W. Wollmershauser went to Korea, not to visit, but to test for his Black Belt in Tae Kwon Do.

Jonathan is a student at Fitness First and attends Granger School in Feeding Hills. His promotion is recognized by the Korean government at the Tae Kwon Do headquarters in Seoul City, Korea.

Jonathan is now a part of Korean history as the first boy, age nine, from America to test in Daegu City. His father, instructor Master Mike, received the "Heart of Hap Ki Do," a knife presented to him with the number two spot in Hap Ki Do Eighth Dan Grandmaster.

Classes begin at Fitness First September 12th.

Car Wash Fundraiser To Help Open Pantry

A car wash fundraiser to benefit the Agawam/West Springfield Open Pantry will be held at the Suburban Business Center, Saturday, September 10th.

Located at 632 Westfield Street, West Springfield, the event will run from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Volunteers will also be collecting dry and canned food stuffs and running a can redemption center during the event.

The Open Pantry serves families and individuals in need in the Agawam/West Springfield area. Fundraising efforts such as these are needed due to the drop in donations and continuing increase in demand for its services.

Girl Scout Council Planning Golf Tournament

Pioneer Valley Girl Scout Council, Inc. will sponsor The Pioneer Classic Third Annual Golf Tournament on Tuesday, September 20, 1994 at Oak Ridge Golf Club in Agawam to benefit Pioneer Valley Girl Scouts.

This year, the tournament will be open to both men and women. The entry fee of \$100 per person includes lunch, 18 holes of golf, cart, dinner, and tee prizes. Shotgun start will be at 12:00 noon. Format is a four-person scramble.

Coordinating this year's golf tournament are Honorary Chairperson, TV Channel 40 Anchorwoman Kathy Tobin, and Operational Chairperson Christy Kaminski, Vice President of Shawmut Bank.

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An overwhelming response from thousands of concerned outdoorsmen prompted Forest Service Chief Jack Ward Thomas to reconsider a proposal that would have granted Forest Service officials the right to prohibit hunting, fishing, and the use of firearms on public lands they manage.

Ward said that the Forest Service had "no intention of hampering legitimate public recreation," but that the proposal was drafted in response to "increasing law enforcement challenges" such as gang violence, drug use, and theft of public resources, including trees and archaeological treasures," Ward said. The revised proposal should be available for public review and comment sometime this fall. (This was taken from the *Sports Afield* magazine).

The country is overrun with lawyers and they are finding the competition getting heavier to handle.

Animals rights cases are attracting more lawyers across the country than ever before, according to a recent report in *The New York Times*. A legal network run by Animal Legal Defense Fund has more than 300 attorneys, active in such issues as pet custody after divorces, veterinary practices, and the living conditions of livestock.

When the fund put out its annual call for summer interns last year, it received 120 applications, up from 24. At the Rutgers University Law School, students can earn 12 percent or more of their total credits on animal rights work. However, a representative of the animal protection committee at the American Bar Association says that law school administrators are generally unreceptive to proposed animal rights classes. Wonder what happened to the ambulance chasers.

Connecticut Bow Season Opens

Connecticut bow season opens September 15th and will run through to December 31st. It is broken up a couple of times: September 15th to November 19th, and December 12th to 24th, and December 26th to 31st.

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With the September 15th opening, you certainly don't have to worry about cold weather. However, you better worry about the lyme tick. The best way to ensure that a tick doesn't get to your bare leg or sit on your pants leg until you get home is to use rubber bands to bring the pants leg tight to your ankle.

There is an odorless tick spray that you can use

on the outside of your pants and not have to worry about tipping off a deer that you are moving through the woods. The spray is strong with deet and should not be sprayed on bare skin. You will have to stand the mosquitoes and those little black flies that get into your eyes, up your nose, and in your ears. To prevent them from being a pest, get a fine meshed face mask that also is long enough to cover your neck.

The bowhunter can take four deer during the season, all four in one day if you are exceptionally lucky. However, two must be antlerless.

For you new hunters, you must get the landowner's permission before entering his land. State land is open to the bowhunter.

EDITOR'S NOTE: Last week we incorrectly tagged Bill Chiba's popular column. The headline should have read "Agawam Sportsman's Club's 75th Anniversary." We heard that many members of the Sportsman's Club were seen hunting for wild man Bill Chiba in the backwoods of Agawam over the weekend. We apologize for the error.



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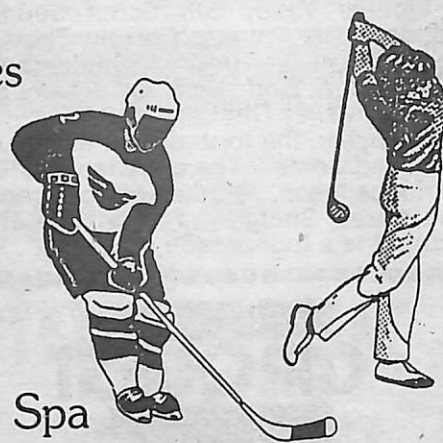
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Agawam Recreation Dept. Offers Fall Calendar Of Events

The Agawam Recreation Department's fall 1994 registration begins on Monday, September 12, 1994, daily Monday through Friday, 9:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Please note: No registration will be taken before Monday, September 12, 1994! All programs are offered on a "first-come, first-served" basis. No phone registrations will be taken.

Registration for both youth (must reside in Agawam) and adult programs will be held daily Monday through Friday from 9:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. in the Agawam Recreation Office, located at the Agawam High School (right driveway, rear entrance—look for the signs).

All fees are payable in advance of the program. Please make all checks payable to the Town of Agawam. There will be NO REFUNDS of the program fee unless the program is cancelled. All programs are subject to change due to gymnasium availability and to participation.

All programs will be cancelled on any day that school is closed due to inclement weather. Notification will be placed on radio station WMAS, both AM and FM. If you are still in doubt, call the Recreation Office, 786-0400, extension 456.

***** YOUTH RECREATIONAL PROGRAMS

Youth Learn To Swim:

Your child must be able to change his/her own clothes. No females will be allowed in the male locker room, as no males will be allowed in the female locker room. Release forms must be signed by a parent/guardian before a child can take part.

Session: October 1 to December 3, 1994 (10 weeks).

Time: Saturdays, 9:00 to 9:50 a.m. (6 years and up); 10:00 to 10:50 a.m. (4 and 5 years); 11:00 to 11:50 a.m. (4 and 5 years).

Location: Agawam Junior High School pool.

Registration: Agawam Recreation Office.

Program Fee: \$15 per child (no refunds).

Instructors: Agawam Recreation swim staff.

Classes are limited to 25 per class. Enter the pool through the last door on the left-hand side of the school.

Youth Open Gym/Exercise/Basic Gymnastics:

This program is not a "high tech" gymnastics class. It is a blend of basic gymnastics, exercise, and open gym games with the emphasis on children having a structured fun time while burning off excess energy.

Session: October 1 to December 3, 1994 (10 weeks).

Time: Saturdays, 9:00 to 9:50 a.m. (4 and 5 years); 10:00 to 10:50 a.m. (6 and up); 11:00 to 11:50 a.m. (4 and up).

Location: Agawam Junior High School gym.

Registration: Agawam Recreation Office.

Program Fee: \$15 per child (no refunds).

Instructors: Agawam Recreation gymnastics staff.

All classes are limited to 30 students per class on a first-come, first-served basis. Release forms must be signed by a parent/guardian before a child may be able to participate. Sneakers MUST be worn. Enter the gym through the last door on the left side of the Junior High School.

Agawam Soccer Association:

A total of 70 in-town teams will kick into action beginning on Saturday, September 10th, and Sunday, September 11th, through Thanksgiving. Games will be played at all local fields. Thirteen Pioneer Valley teams will play at the Junior High, Middle, and Granger School fields.

The annual "Rick Parolo Jamboree" has been scheduled for Sunday, October 2nd. All games will be played at the Agawam High School fields. Ray Scott (786-9382) will serve as president of the association.

AGAWAM ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION:

Basketball Sign-Ups:

Sign-ups for the coming season will be held on Saturday, September 17th, at the Agawam High School from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. This includes sign-ups for 6/7 instructional. All leagues will be run if registrations warrant. Watch *The Agawam Advertiser-News* for any further details or call the recreation office.

Piranhas:

A competitive swim team which competes with the best teams in the area. Sign-ups will be held on Saturday, September 17th, at the Agawam High School from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Home meets are at the Junior High Pool.

For further information on all A.A.A. programs, contact Bob Hersey at 786-9729. For info on the swim team, call Steve Fox at 789-2425.

Agawam Youth Football:

This is a contact football league with two teams—junior division (4/5/6 grades) and senior division (7/8 grades). Teams from West Springfield, Springfield, Holyoke, Chicopee, Palmer, and other local cities/towns are entered. Home games (September 11th, 18th, October 16th, 23rd) are played at Memorial Field (Phelps School) starting at 12:00 noon. For further information, call Bill Biebel, President of the A.Y.F.A., at 786-3846.

Bay West Hockey Association:

The Agawam and West Springfield Hockey Associations have combined. Games will be played at surrounding rinks. Tryouts begin in September. For more information, call Paul Fenton at 732-5638, or Barbara Stevens at 734-4127.

1994 ADULT RECREATION PROGRAMS

Women's Volleyball:

Session: October 3 to December 12, 1994 (10 weeks).

Time: Mondays, 7:00 to 9:00 p.m.

Location: Agawam Junior High School gym

"B."

Registration: Agawam Recreation Office (limit of 20).

Program Fee: \$25 per person (no refunds).

No program on Monday, October 10, 1994 / Must be 18 and over.

Co-Ed Volleyball:

This co-ed volleyball program is recreational. It is designed for fun and exercise with a swim period if desired. It is for adults 18 and over.

Session: October 3 to December 12, 1994 (10 weeks).

Time: Mondays, 7:00 to 9:00 p.m.

Location: Agawam Junior High School gym "A."

Registration: Agawam Recreation Office (limit of 20).

Program Fee: \$25 per person (no refunds).

Men's Recreational Volleyball:

This program is recreational. It provides exercise, fun and competition. Must be 18 and over.

Session: September 21 to November 23, 1994 (10 weeks).

Time: Wednesdays, 7:00 to 9:00 p.m.

Location: Agawam High School (main gym).

Registration: Agawam Recreation Office.

Program Fee: \$25 per person (no refunds).

Men's Basketball League (Over 30):

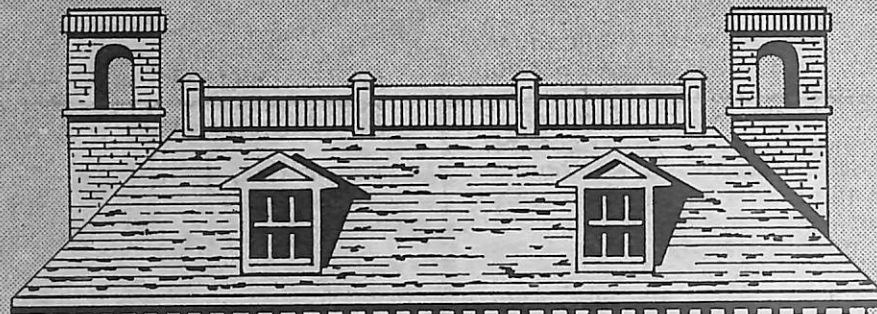
This basketball league is for any male over 30 years of age. The "over 30" league is organized for both total teams or individuals who would like to be assigned to a team. For further information, contact the league commissioner, Peter Hanson, at 786-2355.

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"The most wins I have ever had in a season ... seven NASCAR tour-type wins in one season at Riverside. Still, I needed this one if I am going to beat (Chris) Kopec to be the Riverside Champion," said **Dan Avery**.

The Porter-Chester team had a lot to celebrate. Avery's 1994 season has been filled with success and disappointment; one week a win, the next a night of misfortune. Still, Saturday, September 3rd marked a night of success for him, with a wheel-to-wheel battle to the checker as 5,391 fans witnessed the NAPA Auto Parts/Snap On Tools/Budweiser "Double Point Show."

Fran Principi led the Modified event and looked strong from the start. However, it wasn't long before Kopec surfaced from midfield as the leader; once in charge at lap 30, he seemed unstoppable.

Then, with low moves to the bottom, Avery was bidding for the lead just five laps later. Kopec and Avery raced clean until Avery inched out in front. From this point on, Avery was able to dominate the race, and Kopec had to settle for second.

With less than 10 laps to go, another surprise battle was for second, with Rich Savary and Brian Schofield applying the pressure. With just three laps to go, Dan Avery had the win with ease, as Chris Kopec (Mutual Ford) was second over Rich Savary (Bill's Auto), Brian Schofield (sponsor wanted), and Stan Greger (Sher's International Auto).

Sixth through 10 were Doug Meservey (Dairy Mart), Dave Caruso (Judkins/Pike Package), Fran Principi, Dave Gallo, and Tom Jensen.

Eric Kearns dominated the first half of the Pro Stock main event, when **Tom Fearn** used experience to run Kearns high to take the lead. Fearn secured his third win of the season in the Somerville Auto Sales Camaro.

After being wrecked in the heat, John Lobo came back to finish second over third-place Scott Bouley (who ran in top three all night long), fourth-place Tom Carey (Mobil 9), and Dave Caruso (Blanc Reg.), who earned the fifth-place finish after pitting.

Rounding out the top 10 were Barry Grey (Meadows Motor Car), Eric LeClair, Bill Lauridsen, Jeff Horn (Willington Pizza), and Dan Grasso.

The Pro Four Modifieds ran a 30-lap feature, as point leader Jerry Solomito lost a rear end on the start. Ken Hirt was the leader as Renee Dupuis spun early.

Then, from the middle of the pack, came **George Savary** who, after five laps, was right on top. At the finish, it was Savary over Hirt, Paul Lamonica, Dupuis, and Mike Casey.

Sixth through 10th were Ron D'Alessandro, Bill Gaston, George Ruff, Mike Petrizzo, and Bill Sharpe.

The Late Model race was a "race of champions" qualifier, as another new winner was the star of the event.

Ed Haluch did the driving job of his career. He was pressured by the best; with two laps to go, Gee Perry moved from fifth to finish second. Chuck Docherty had to pit with a flat tire.

Another great finish was turned in by Jim Roule, who finished in third place over Paul Dipisa (who came from the back of the pack). Rounding out the top five was Gary Fioramonti.

Sixth through 10th were Joe Czarnecki, Gene McClean, Glenn Griswold, Marty Leary, and Wayne Coury.

The Strictly Stocks had the second-place car lose a motor, and this resulted in taking out several frontrunners like Chuck Alessio, Roy Houle, Herb Carlon, Rosi Hall, PJ Pelc, and Ken Marques.

At the checker, it was **Rob Valerio** to take down another win. Vinny Buonocore was second over Roger Fujimoto, and fourth and fifth were Bill Reiman and Joe Arena (respectively). Rounding out the top 10 in this race were Ed Charette, Dave Ellinson, George Clark, Scott Neleber, and Joe Kokoszka.

For the next two Saturdays (September 10th and 17th), Riverside Park Speedway will be running seven divisions of quarter-mile action with the NASCAR Tour-Type Modifieds, plus the Mini Stocks, Legend cars, Super Stocks, and more.

Adults are just \$12.99 each, and kids (12 years of age and under) are priced at just \$2.99 each.

For additional information, call (413) 786-9300.

Check our classified

Sacred Heart 8-10 Softball Champs



MEMBERS OF THE SACRED HEART Athletic Association's 8-10 girls' softball champs include, back row, from left - Coach Sandy Dubay, Aimee Beaudette, Erin Jackson, Karen Comee, Alicia Hedge, Lissa Asta-Ferrero, Katie Dubay, Rachel Caruso, and Sheila Spear. Front row - Jamie Jackson, Jessica Roy, Nina Murray, Tara Swinicki, Julia Spear, Nicole Gutowski, and Rochelle Gonthier. Missing: Coaches Bill Spear and Frank Caruso.

Agawam Cannon U-12 Pioneer Valley Champs



MEMBERS OF THE AGAWAM CANNON finished as champs of the Under-12 spring soccer season with a record of 9-1. The team defeated East Longmeadow in the championship playoff after double overtime and a sudden death shootout. Back row, from left - Asst. Coach Jim Donovan, Coach Murray Pearson. Second row - Aaron Gilbert, Lou Conte, Greg Boisvert, Jackie Pearson, Gerry Maloni. Third row - Joe Gaylor, Tim Chretien, Mike Thomas, Brandon Donovan, Vinnie Tirone, Kacy Progulske. Front row - Wes Scott, Joe Maynard, Sean Duval, Bill Campana, Tony Stevenson, and Mike Hill. Missing: Evan Conkey.

Spectacular, Winner-Takes-All Enduro At Riverside Speedway On September 24th

Riverside Park Speedway will host another thrilling spectacular first—a \$5,000 winner-take-all, world-class Mega Bucks/Marathon Madness Enduro. Promoter/director Ben Dodge, Jr., is again creating new hype for an event like no other at Riverside in Agawam, MA.

"With the economy the way it is, I thought \$5,000 would peak just about anyone's attention. There isn't anyone that wouldn't be interested in making \$5,000," said Dodge. "The best part is that because it's an Enduro, anyone over 16 can do it. You don't need special skills or a big-dollar race car."

Enduro racing is alive and well at Riverside, with the last event drawing a standing-room-only crowd. The \$5,000-to-win is scheduled to run on Saturday, September 24th.

The interest is already high for this upcoming racing event, and the rules for the \$5,000-to-win Mega Bucks Enduro are simple. Any American-made, two- or four-door car can enter (however, no wagons or convertibles); full-size or mid-size, six- or eight-cylinder. Remove all the interior (except front driver's seat), chrome, lights, and windshield. Bolt or weld all doors; a basic roll bar is mandatory, and interior roll cages are recommended (as well as seat belts and a shoulder

harness). Then, all you have to do is "number" the car and you're ready for the race.

The event will be limited to 100 cars in the main event, which is 100 laps on the Riverside quarter-mile paved ovals. Heats will be on the Figure 8 course and will determine the main event cars. The winner at the end receives \$5,000.

Again, the date of the Mega Bucks \$5,000-to-win Enduro is Saturday, September 24th (rain or shine). You must enter by mail or on Enduro night at the track. No one with a legal car will be turned away.

Rules are available by written request only: Riverside Park Speedway \$5,000 Enduro, P.O. Box 307, Agawam, MA 01001 (Attn.: Mary). Please do not call the speedway with questions concerning the Enduro's rules; however, if you have requests for other information, call Riverside at (413) 786-9300.

Besides the \$5,000 Mega Bucks Enduro, the event will have a four-cylinder Enduro, left/right cars, half-ton truck races, Mini Stocks, Strictly Stocks, plus a Demolition Derby.

Adults are priced at just \$12.99 each, with kids 12 years and under priced at just \$2.99 each. The pit fee on race day (for anyone 16 and over) is \$20 per person.

Agawam Men's Softball League Final League Standings

NATIONAL DIVISION	W	L	Pink Cadillac Productions	21	6	AMERICAN—NORTH	W	L
L—R - Cabin	21	8	P - Buccaneer Lounge 2	20	6	L—R - Italian Sporting Club	19	8
P - Copper Door	20	8	Bobby's Lounge	19	7	P - Agawam Moose Club	18	9
* Spalding/Dudley	19	7	Michael Anthony's	17	10	Elbow Lounge Sharks	18	9
Cortina Tile	16	11	Bio Care	16	12	Scoreboard Lounge	17	10
Plainfield/Scrubbers	16	11	Lessard Property Mgt.	14	13	Winn Liquors	14	12
Bobby's Lounge	17	12	Coast To Coast	13	13	Village Lounge	13	13
E.B.'s	13	15	Heritage Hall	13	14	Abbott Tax Consultants	11	16
Sam's Sports Bar	11	17	Paul's Lounge	13	15	Balise Honda	11	17
Agawam Spirit Shoppe	10	19	Southworth Paper Co.	11	16	Balzer's Tool Coating	10	17
Bobby's Iron Ducks	9	20	Buccaneer Lounge 1	9	16	Powers Cafe	4	23
Joey's Pizzeria/Pub.	8	20	Professional Traffic Systems	9	16	L — League Champions		
Dante Club	8	20	Teddy Bear Pools	7	20	P — Playoff Winner		
AMERICAN—SOUTH	W	L	Agawam Tire/Auto	4	23	R — Playoff Runner-Up		
L—R - Bertelli's Liquors	26	1	Desi's Place	2	25	* — Not In Playoffs		

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Games will be played every Sunday morning beginning on Sunday, October 30, 1994. Although this league is recreational, you will find the exercise you need and the competition you are looking for.

Adult Open Gym:

Session: October 3 to November 21, 1994.
Time: Mondays, 7:00 to 9:00 p.m.
Location: Agawam High School gym.
Registration: No required, but you must be a town resident.

Fee: \$2 per person, per night (pay the supervisor at the door). Please supply your own basketballs/equipment.

There will be no program on October 10, 1994.

Civic Organization Gym & Swim:

The Junior High School gym and pool will be available to civic groups and clubs of Agawam on Friday nights through reservation. There will be a \$45 charge per hour. This fee includes the lifeguard.

Session: October 1994 through May 1995.
Time: Fridays, 8:00 to 10:00 p.m.
Location: Agawam Junior High School gym and pool.

Registration: Agawam Recreation Office.

Recreational Swim Schedule:

The pool at the Agawam Junior High School will be open for public swim for both youths and adults on Monday evenings. It is recommended that you leave no valuables in the locker room or pool area.

Lifeguards will be on duty. All pool rules are in effect. No cut-offs are allowed in the pool. ALL CHILDREN UNDER THE AGE OF 10 MUST BE ACCOMPANIED BY A PARENT/GUARDIAN.

Session: Mondays - October 3 to December 12, 1994.

Time: 7:00 to 9:00 p.m.

Location: Agawam Junior High School pool.
Registration: Not required, but you must be a town resident.

Pool Fee: \$2 per person / \$1 for children under six (pay the lifeguard on duty).

There will be no program on Monday, October 10, 1994.

INSURANCE

The Town of Agawam does not carry insurance to cover the hospitalization or medical costs of anyone injured while participating in or watching any of the Parks and Recreation Department programs. Please note: You enter our programs at your own risk.

Baywest Hockey Plans Hockey Registration For Monday, Sept. 19

The Agawam/West Springfield Hockey Association (Baywest) will be holding registration for its Learn to Skate/Developmental Hockey Program on Monday, September 19, 1994, at 7:00 p.m. at the West Springfield Town Hall.

The registration fee is \$140, and \$40 per additional child. Please bring a non-returnable copy of the child's birth certificate.

For additional information, call Pat Johnson at 733-9243 after 5:00 p.m.

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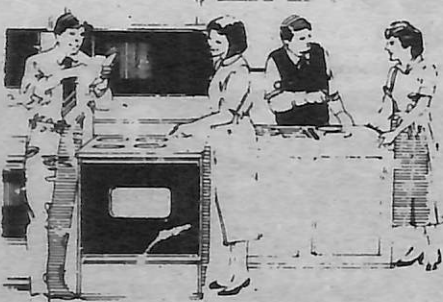
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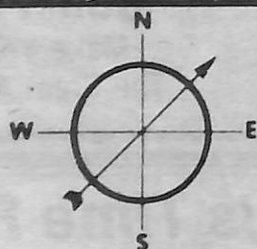


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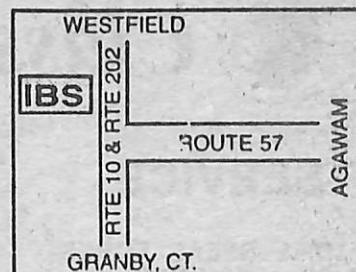
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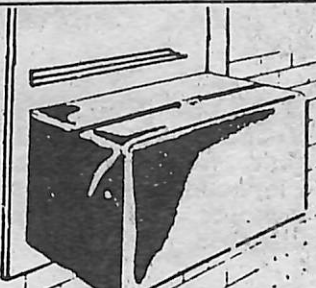
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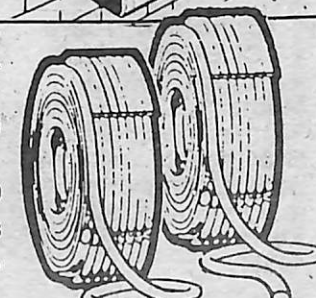
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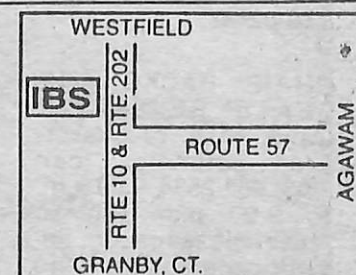
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